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OPEN AGAIN AFTER 100 YEARS

Dozens of youngsters sprinted along Rochester Riverside last week to mark another milestone in the multi-million pound regeneration of the waterfront site.

Pupils from Bligh Junior School in Strood were invited to sprint along the mile-long scenic walkway - which is now open to the public for the first time in more than 100 years.

The next stage of redevelopment is pencilled in for next year, when contractors will set to work on building the first 600 of the 2,000 homes planned for the site.

The council's economic growth boss Jane Chitty said: "You get a very strong idea of just how far we have come in a very short time."

"The site looks absolutely stunning and I think you can get an idea of the opportunities that come with it."

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BY SIMON ROBINSON

MORE than half of the primary schools in Medway are in desperate need of repair - with a combined repairs backlog of at least £10 million.

Figures disclosed in a council report show 58 per cent of the area's creaking schools urgently need at least £150,000 of work.

Nearly a quarter of these - equating to 22 schools - have repair work which would cost a minimum of £300,000 to complete.

The council's Primary Schools Strategy for Change report states: "The costs generally involved capital works, which if not completed soon, could seriously impact on the teaching and learning of pupils."

"Recently, particularly during the recent cold period, some of the schools have had to close, affecting the teaching and learning of pupils."

The report's findings and multi-million pound repair bill have been slammed by the Liberal Democrats.

Councillor Diana Smith said: "These figures are extremely worrying. It's totally unacceptable that children and teachers at these schools should be forced to work and learn in run-down buildings."

"These repairs need to be carried out as soon as possible. I can't believe the Conservative administration has let things get this bad. Our kids need safe and well-maintained schools to learn in."

The council's children's services boss, Les Wicks, said the problems have arisen from a 11-year shortfall in Government funding.

He said: "These figures will be submitted to the Government so we can receive the funds we need to improve our primary schools."

"Medway's primary schools need the facilities appropriate for 21st century teaching and learning, but only after years of Government

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VOCATIONAL: The new diplomas are set to be implemented in schools in September

Professor: New diplomas are not fit for use

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

VOCATIONAL diplomas set to be rolled out to Medway students this year have been slammed for leaving the youngsters "unprepared".

University of Buckingham Professor Alan Smithers said the new hands-on courses, which combine academic and practical learning, could leave students unprepared for entering either university or the working world.

In his report *The diploma – a disaster waiting to happen*, Prof Smithers said the proposed system was "confused" and diluted.

He wrote: "In going for an all-embracing framework it seems there is a serious risk of necessary specificity being lost."

"It is not clear what the diploma is supposed to qualify for. It is extremely doubtful whether the same qualification can be fit for the wide range of purposes that need to be served, such as university entrance and recruitment to different levels of employment."

The academic also raised fears that the diplomas' internal assessment system was weak.

He wrote: "Internal assessment is likely to mean diplomas are of a very variable standard, not only between subjects but also within them."

"With A Levels, strenuous efforts are made to ensure both comparability between qualifications and consistency over time, but even they are not perfect."

The vocational diplomas are being piloted by Medway secondary schools and colleges in September – with courses running in IT, engineering, health and social care and media. The foundation level is equivalent to five GCSE passes, while the advanced course matches three-and-a-half A-Levels.

Medway council's children's services boss Les Wicks said the practical aspect would encourage youngsters aged between 14 and 19-years-old to stay in education and training.

He said: "The Diplomas offer a new opportunity for Medway's young people to gain valuable vocational experiences within their curriculum while at the same time achieving accreditation that has an equivalence to the traditional qualifications of GCSEs and A-levels."

"I am extremely pleased that Medway has been successful in gaining permission to offer Diplomas to its young people. I am confident those who select to study them will be pleased with their choices as will their employers."

If the pilot scheme is successful the diplomas will be broadened, with 17 specialised subjects available by 2013. These include construction, leisure and tourism, hair and beauty and society, health and development.

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Short drive leads to 18-month ban

A DRUNK driver who moved her car away from fighting youths has been banned for 18 months.

Sally-Ann Sutton of Maidstone Road, Gillingham, was staying in Herne Bay, but left her asthma medicine in her car parked in Central Parade.

When she went to collect it she was given a police escort, as officers were trying to break up a fight near the bandstand. But instead of just collecting her medication, Sutton decided to move her car away from the trouble makers.

She got lost and a quarter of an hour after driving away was stopped by other officers and arrested.

Teresa Ruiz, prosecuting, said Sutton, 55, drove 50 yards past an officer who had ordered her to stop.

When he smelt booze on her breath she was arrested – she had drunk twice the legal limit.

Sutton was disqualified from driving for 18 months, fined £200 and ordered to pay £60 costs plus £15 victim surcharge.

Businesses zoning in on fair trade

THE HARD work of Medway's schools, faith groups and businesses has been rewarded – with the area gaining Fairtrade Zone status.

The accreditation comes after three years of schemes and initiatives, which have helped to raise the public awareness of Fairtrade goods.

Economic growth councillor Jane Chitty said: "By awarding Medway this status it shows the community is committed and willing to help the less fortunate communities in the world."

It's time for a walk

A PAIR of animal-lovers are offering to take your pooches for walks.

The dog walking service is aimed at Medway pet owners who do not have the time to take their four-legged friend out and about.

Dog walker Kerry Sheldrick said: "We offer a responsible and caring dog walking service. We will collect your dog and walk him or her for just £10 an hour. We'll also bath and dry them for an extra £10."

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Bus stop moves from A to B to A

BY SIMON ROBINSON

BUNGLING council chiefs wasted £500 of taxpayers' money by moving a bus stop 20ft along a busy road and back again.

Contractors spent a week relocating the Canterbury Street pick-up point near Gillingham High Street from Barclays Bank to the Frame and Art shop.

But before the first passenger could hail a bus from the new location – complete with raised kerb – the workers were ordered to rip up the freshly-laid tarmac and move the bus stop back.

A council spokesman said telecoms wiring in the ground were to blame for the mix up.

Frame and Art owner Steve Mundell said the bus stop should never have been placed outside his store: "It's been a total waste of time, effort and energy."

He added: "As soon as the workers arrived and started digging up the pavement I rang the council telling them the location was dangerous."

"I have large sheets of glass delivered regularly and so having shoppers wait for buses outside the front door would have led to problems."

"I asked the council who decided to relocate the bus stop directly outside someone's shop and what difference 20ft up the road makes?"

"If they wanted to move the bus stop, outside the Zone would be ideal. The pavement is much wider and the club is not open during the day and so there would be no problem in people waiting outside."



Picture: STEVE MUNDELL

ALL CHANGE: The bus stop was moved outside Frame and Art shop and back again because of a wiring mix up

"Eventually I was told it was an 'administrative error' and would be removed."

"But the whole thing has caused a problem for my business. It's damaged takings, there's no doubt about it, it has knocked me down by about a third."

"I've never had much faith in Medway council – they should have sent out proper letters consulting with shops in Canterbury Street."

"They don't seem to take businesses and their interests into account."

A spokesman for Medway council said: "The raised kerb was placed incorrectly, due to tele-

coms wiring in the ground at the planned site, which is adjacent."

"Medway Council has acted as quickly as possible to remedy the situation and will ensure any future proposals to improve accessibility at this well-used town centre stop are fully consulted on prior to any works."

"The introduction of raised kerbs at bus stops is part of a programme of works to improve the accessibility of Medway's public transport network for all users."

"The total cost of the project, including correction, was £499."

'Not enough invested in our schools'

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underfunding have they finally come up with a programme to tackle this issue.

"It is a poor reflection on this Government that after 11 years of neglect, they have come up with a scheme which will take 14 years to achieve half of what is needed."

"With limited funding we have done our best to refurbish schools, but the backlog is down to Government failure."

Responsible

Lib Dem councillor, Andy Stamp, said both the Government and the council were responsible for the state of our schools.

He said: "The Government has not invested enough in schools to a high enough degree but the money the council has received has not been spent well either."

"Our children need to be taught in a safe and well-maintained environment and the council has a duty of care to both pupils and teachers."

"We want to know how the situation has got this bad in Medway's schools and want someone to take responsibility."

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Hospital's 'sorry' to disabled patient for toothpaste blunder

A PARALYSED patient has received an apology from red-faced hospital chiefs after a health worker brushed her teeth with hair removal cream.

Julia Osborne, 52, from Tonbridge, had her mouth washed with the lotion at Medway Maritime Hospital, where she is receiving treatment for a spinal injury sustained on a trip to France last month.

Furious fiancé Ian Thalmessinger said: "Julia was very unhappy about the accident, but then to have the toothpaste incident happen is too much. I think it is despicable for this to happen in the NHS."

Ms Osborne, a school worker, was left paralysed from the neck down after suffering compression fractures to two vertebrae in her spine.

She sustained the injuries by falling on a coach during a school trip in Lille and was rushed to an intensive care unit. Days later she was transferred to Medway Maritime Hospital for further treatment.

Despite the apology from Medway

NHS Foundation Trust chiefs, Mr Thalmessinger said he wanted his fiancé transferred to a specialist spinal unit where she could continue her rehabilitation.

Mr Thalmessinger, who plans to wed Ms Osborne in October, said: "I'm just concentrating on getting her better."

A statement released by the hospital read: "Medway NHS Foundation Trust deeply regrets the incident which took place on Arethusa Ward on May 29, when a clinical support worker mistook a tube of hair cream removal for toothpaste while cleaning Ms Osborne's teeth."

"As soon as the error occurred, a nurse and doctor were called and Ms Osborne received immediate treatment, following consultation with Guy's Poison Unit as a precaution. There has been no physical ill-effect to Ms Osborne. The clinical support worker, and doctor, both apologised immediately, and an internal investigation has been undertaken."

Police hunt for canine attacker

POLICE are hunting a reckless dog owner after an unleashed Staffordshire bull terrier mauled a goat grazing in a Medway nature reserve.

It happened in the Darland Banks reserve on May 25 between 1pm and 2pm. The goat, named Butter, was left with such severe injuries by the dark-coloured dog that he had to be put down.

PC Andy Whitall said: "I would like to ask anyone who witnessed the incident, or has any information about the attack to come forward. We are keen to take the necessary steps to ensure that no other animals, or people, come to any harm."

"We are working closely with the RSPCA and the Kent Wildlife Trust in relation to this incident and would ask people to contact the police if they can help us locate the dog and its owner."

Kent Wildlife Trust's Alison Ruyter added: "The goats at the reserve are cared for by local volunteers and this is a great setback for them."

"We are all greatly saddened by this event and the goats and cows who graze in the area have been left unsettled by the attack."

Call PC Whitall on 01634 792344.

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Den Johnson's look at the mudflats of the River Medway

'Improve exam results or we'll shut you down'

SEVEN under-performing secondary schools in Medway have been told to improve GCSE exam results or be closed.

The threat came from Schools Secretary Ed Balls as part of the Government's National Challenge standards drive.

More than 600 schools nationwide have been targeted by the initiative because fewer than 30 per cent of their pupils gained a minimum of five A* to C GCSE results.

The affected schools in Medway are: the Robert Napier School and New Brompton College, both Gillingham; Greenacre School in Walderslade; Medway Community College in Chatham; Temple and Chapter schools, both Strood; and the Hundred of Hoo Comprehensive.

They have three years to meet the target.

If not they will be replaced by academies, as part of the new National Challenges' £400 million budget allocated to create 70 new academies nationwide.

Deprived

Mr Balls said: "Academies in the last few years have had intakes from more deprived areas, a more deprived intake than their area would suggest, and have faster rises in results than the average."

A spokesman for Medway council said: "We have plans in place to ensure that all our schools meet the target of 30 per cent A* to C GCSE grades by 2011."

"The proposed academies in Strood and Chatham are part of this programme of improvement."

The academy system has been attacked by the National Union of Teachers. Acting general secretary Christine Blower said: "Academies and trust school status are not the solution."

"If local authorities, according to Ed Balls, are key to providing support, what sense does it make to separate them from the local authority family of schools?"

The proposed Medway mergers would see Chapter and Temple schools in Strood and Medway Community College and Chatham South come together.

In total, 40 schools in Kent were targeted by the National Challenge. Schools below national GCSE target:

Greenacre, Walderslade, 27 per cent
Robert Napier, Gillingham, 24
Hundred of Hoo, Hoo, 22
New Brompton, Gillingham, 20
Chapter, Strood, 20
Temple, Strood, 16
Medway Community, Chatham, 16

Family plea in search for Alzheimer's dad

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

THE distraught family of an elderly Alzheimer's sufferer who has been missing for more than two weeks are due to make an emotional appeal for information today.

The son of Amarjit Lehal is set to make a brief statement to the press at Medway police station this morning in the hope of finding his 69-year-old father.

Mr Lehal was reported as missing on Tuesday, May 27, after he failed to return to his Chatham home from his regular walk.

He has been missing for 15 days and has not made contact with either his family or police.

A family friend said he saw Mr Lehal in Bluebell Hill the day after his disappearance, prompting a thorough search of the village by police, but officers were unable to find Mr Lehal.

As the days passed police used dogs, a helicopter and volunteers to scour the

Bluebell Hill area but were again unsuccessful.

Mr Lehal is 5ft 10in, slim, with short greying hair and a full beard. He was wearing a long-sleeved blue check shirt, blue trousers, a navy jacket and grey trainers.

He has gone missing before and has previously been seen in Strood, Rochester and Sittingbourne.

Sergeant Tim Harris said: "We would like to hear from anyone who knows where Mr Lehal is. We are increasingly concerned for his welfare and are keen to reunite him with his family."

"I would like people to take a good look at Amarjit's photo and call the police if they can help us locate him."

Call police on 01634 792288.

TIMELINE

- Tuesday, May 27 - Reported missing after failing to return home
- Wednesday, May 28 - Seen by a family friend in Bluebell Hill
- Saturday, May 31, and Sunday, June 1 - Police scour the area to no avail
- Today - Family launches public appeal for information



WHERE IS HE? Amarjit Lehal went missing last month

BACK TO THE RIVERSIDE'S FUTURE



A mile-long scenic walkway along Rochester Riverside has been opened to the public for the first time 100 years.

Pupils from Bligh Junior School in Strood were among the first to see the new pathway, which has 12 information boards highlighting the plot's history as well as its multi-million pound future.

Up to 2,000 homes are to be built on the 74-acre site, with work beginning next year.

Junior school youngsters were joined by Chatham Grammar School for Boys pupils for the burial of a time capsule.

Medway council's economic growth chief Jane Chitty said: "The site looks stunning."

The walkway can be accessed from entrances in Gas House Road, Blue Boar Lane and Doust Way.

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POOR: Medway Council has been accused of having a poor housing policy in a report by the Audit Commission

Why Medway has a 'no star' housing service

BY SIMON ROBINSON

MEDWAY'S housing service, responsible for ensuring conditions for many people considered poor or vulnerable has been slammed in an independent report which rates its current work, and ability to improve, as 'poor'.

The damning lowest possible, no-star assessment of the strategic housing service came from the Audit Commission in an in-depth document published last week.

The scathing summary identifies a number of "significant weaknesses" in the service, ranging from limited access to housing advice, to a lack of direction in housing-related strategies.

It reads: "There is a weak focus on customer care, with a lack of housing service standards, gaps in customer satisfaction monitoring and limited face-to-face access."

"The overall approach to tackling poor housing conditions in the private rented sector is very weak, with a number on unmet statutory duties and long waits for disabled adaptations."

"There is a lack of understanding of service costs and no systematic approach to addressing the value for money of strategic housing services."

The commission, responsible for ensuring

public money is spent economically and efficiently, also slams the service's ability to improve.

The report states: "There are not yet clear plans and strategies to guide further development of the service and the overall approach to service planning and performance monitoring is weak."

"Opportunities for learning from high performing organisations are not being maximised and, while recruitment is underway, the council currently lacks appropriately skilled staff to drive improvement in key areas."

New managers

Information regarding housing needs, social housing and affordable homes are among the minority of the service's most positive aspects.

Medway council has pledged to make improvements in the service on top of those carried out since the commission's January inspection.

Assistant director Deborah Upton said: "Work is already under way to raise standards across the strategic housing service... staff are clear about the challenges ahead and are keen to meet them."

"New managers have been recruited to the housing team, which is fully focused on delivering an improved service for Medway."

Housing councillor Howard Doe added: "I know our officers will rise to the challenge and provide the high standards our community rightly expects."

... and council promises to get better elsewhere too

COUNCIL chiefs have approved a series of targets aimed at making life better in Medway.

Among the goals set out in the approved Local Area Agreement are to reduce teenage pregnancy, serious violence and anti-social behaviour, and improving education standards.

In total 34 priorities were identified in the document, each with individual annual performance targets for the next three years.

Council leader Rodney Chambers said: "This new agreement is central to achieving good community cohesion."

"By working closely with all our partners, will ensure the lives and prospects of all residents are greatly improved."

The LAA sets out the 50 most important local priorities and targets the council must achieve between now and March 2011.

A list of 24 goals was selected from a list of 198 indicators set by government. The remaining 16 statutory targets relate to early years and educational achievement.

The targets will be monitored through various council and partner bodies and are subject to annual review.

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CCTV nabs drunken yob vandalising cars

A ROOFER went on a wrecking spree after downing three bottles of champagne in a nightclub, a court was told.

Matthew Wright, 22, of Symons Avenue, Chatham, smashed up three cars in Central Parade, Herne Bay, but when police arrested him he couldn't remember what had happened.

He was caught after CCTV operators picked out his distinctive diamond pattern shirt.

The operators saw him kicking parked vehicles and sent a police patrol to arrest him. After his arrest he told officers he'd been drinking in the Talk of The Town nightclub but had no recollection of damaging the vehicles.

Wright admitted three criminal damage charges at Canterbury Magistrates Court.

David Grithiffs-Jones, defending, said: "He was so drunk he couldn't remember anything from the night before. Confronted by CCTV evidence he admitted what he had done."

The roofer was given an 80 day prison sentence suspended for 18 months, 150 hours unpaid work, and ordered to pay £1,467 compensation plus £400 costs.

Why Rainham is top for car park damage

SPACES at a Rainham car park are among the tightest in the country, a new survey has found.

Continental Tyres found spaces at the Shopping Precinct car park were narrower than Department for Transport guidelines - coming in under 2.4m.

A spokesman said: "This is clearly something that winds drivers up. It causes a real problem and could leave motorists scrambling in through their passenger door or not being able to get in at all."

The country's worst car park is in Shrewsbury where spaces are just 2m wide.

Register for vet's badge

FORMER Armed Forces personnel are being urged to register for an honour in time for Veterans Day.

MPs Jonathan Shaw and Paul Clark will present ex-military personnel with Veteran's Badges at the commemorative event, being held at Chatham Historic Dockyard.

Mr Shaw said: "Hundreds of veterans in have already received a Veteran's Badge to recognise their service to our country."

"We hope every veteran in Medway comes forward to sign up and receive their badge."

Veterans Day takes place on Saturday, July 5. To apply for your badge call Mr Shaw on 01634 811573 or Mr Clark on 0207 219 5207.



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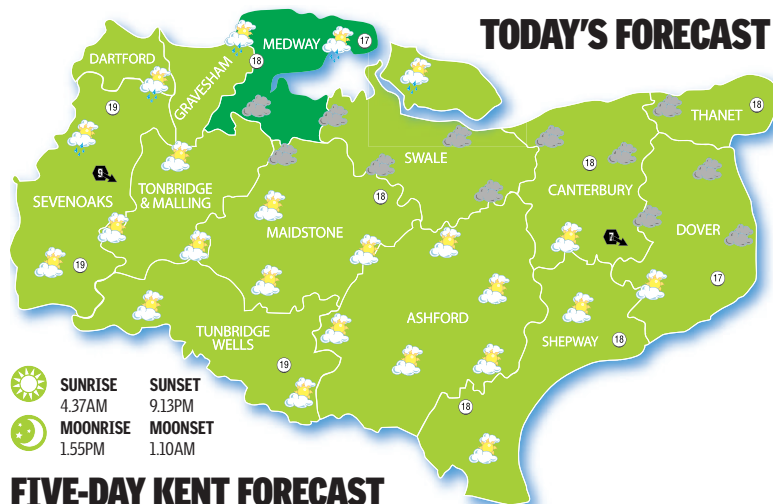
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Ashford	23°C	18°C	15°C	16°C	16°C	Gravesend	24°C	20°C	16°C	17°C	17°C
Canterbury	20°C	19°C	15°C	16°C	16°C	Maidstone	24°C	20°C	16°C	17°C	17°C
Chatham	20°C	18°C	15°C	16°C	16°C	Ramsgate	20°C	19°C	15°C	16°C	16°C
Dartford	24°C	20°C	16°C	17°C	17°C	Rochester	20°C	18°C	15°C	16°C	16°C
Dover	18°C	17°C	14°C	15°C	14°C	Sevenoaks	22°C	18°C	14°C	15°C	15°C
Faversham	20°C	18°C	15°C	16°C	16°C	Sittingbourne	20°C	18°C	15°C	16°C	16°C
Folkestone	18°C	17°C	14°C	15°C	14°C	Tonbridge	24°C	19°C	16°C	17°C	16°C
Gillingham	20°C	18°C	15°C	16°C	16°C	Tun Wells	24°C	19°C	16°C	17°C	16°C



WEEKEND HIGH TIDES

Chatham	Saturday	8:30am	5.2m
	Sunday	9:33am	5.1m
Dover	Saturday	6:57am	5.5m
	Sunday	8:00am	5.5m
Dungeness	Saturday	6:44am	6.0m
	Sunday	7:48am	6.0m
Ramsgate	Saturday	7:27am	4.1m
	Sunday	8:30am	4.1m
Sheerness	Saturday	8:18am	5.0m
	Sunday	9:21am	5.0m
Whitstable	Saturday	8:23am	4.6m
	Sunday	9:27am	4.6m



AROUND THE WORLD YESTERDAY

Amsterdam	25°C	Madrid	14°C
Athens	26°C	New York	33°C
Barcelona	21°C	Paris	26°C
Beijing	28°C	Rome	23°C
Bombay	26°C	Sydney	17°C
Cape Town	19°C	Tenerife	23°C
Cardiff	18°C	Tokyo	22°C
Gibraltar	21°C	Vancouver	12°C
Hong Kong	30°C	Warsaw	29°C
Las Palmas	25°C	Wellington	14°C

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NEWS IN BRIEF



Thieves drive away in digger worth £60,000

A YELLOW and black £60,000 JCB has been stolen from a building site at Cliffe.

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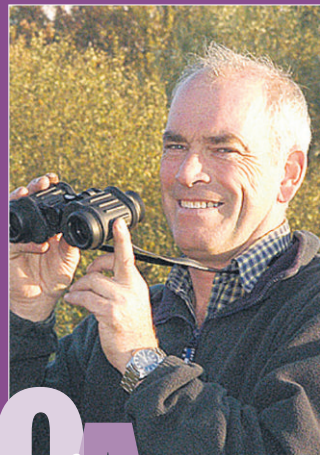
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QUESTION & ANSWER

BILL JONES



Q Can you tell us a little about yourself?

A My official title is environmental initiatives officer, which means I run and develop the nature reserve located next to the Kingsnorth Power Station. I have been there for more than 30 years nurturing, recording and preserving everything that lives and grows on the reserve.

At the last count 200 species of birds and 75 types of fish, as well as seals, crabs and foxes live next to the power station at some point or other during the year.

Q What are your responsibilities at the power station?

A A large part of my job involves conserving what we already have on site. There are acres of marsh and grassland in the nature reserve and it is my job to look after it.

It is a vast natural habitat containing species of all shapes and sizes and I help by building riverbanks, freshwater ponds, reed beds, nature trails and hides among other things.

I aim to preserve what we already have and try to create new habitats to perhaps attract new species.

Another major element of my job is hosting visitors and tour parties to the nature reserve. We get about 2,000 people visiting every year from primary school children through to A-level students.

Scouts and ornithologists from across the world have also visited to see what we have

got. We have a lovely nature study centre, which can be used for teaching and lectures.

Q What's the best part of the job?

A I have been a nature lover all my life. Some of my fondest memories as a youngster were foraging on Salisbury Plain and I have always had a passion for all wildlife. To be able to do this as my everyday job is a real treat.

As previously mentioned, wildlife is a major passion of mine and I have taken many holidays all over the world to go bird-watching. I have been to some amazing places and plan to go to many more.

I thoroughly enjoy being outside in the reserve and I also love being able to pass on the knowledge that I have picked up over the years.

I particularly like working with children and in my opinion the best way for youngsters to learn is by getting their hands dirty. They need to see the creatures up close and handle them where appropriate. We also do a bit of rustic recycling with the youngsters.

We live in a throw-away society and tree-felling and log-cabin building are some of the projects I have done with kids down here – there are not many places left where they can do this anymore.

Q And the worst part of the job?

A My job is an extension of my passion for wildlife and I love every minute of it.

Q How important is it to protect the local environment?

A We are lucky to have some wonderful wildlife in Kent and this particular corner of the county is teeming with some amazing creatures. Outside of the rainforest, an estuary, such as the one we have at Kingsnorth, contains the densest population of creatures in the world. It's estimated that nearly 100,000 individual animals can be found in a square metre of mud. I am fortunate to have received a lot of continued support and funding from E.ON to maintain the nature reserve.

Currently, there are plans to redevelop the power station site and build a cleaner more efficient plant. If it gets built, the future of the reserve will be secure for another 30 years at least. I won't be around but the children of the future will still have a fantastic resource to learn from.

Q What tips have you got for anyone interested in local wildlife?

A Get involved. There is a wide-range of groups doing great work in the county and volunteers are always welcome.

Q What do you like to do when you are not working?

A As previously mentioned, wildlife is a major passion of mine and I have taken many holidays all over the world to go bird-watching. I have been to some amazing places and plan to go to many more.

The manager of the nature reserve at Kingsnorth Power Station on the Hoo Peninsula talks to **Simon Robinson** about the importance of wildlife, his love for his job and what he hopes for future generations



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The passionate heart Dickens kept hidden

BY NICK AMES

AN INVESTIGATION into the double life of world-renowned author Charles Dickens is set to shock fans who regard him as the outstanding example of Victorian English virtue.

A Channel 4 drama-documentary filmed in Medway and Thanet is set to reveal the man who penned such classics as *Great Expectations*, *A Christmas Carol* and *A Tale of Two Cities* ripped his family apart during a 13-year affair with an actress.

The programme will suggest during this time he fathered two illegitimate children who died at a young age.

Acclaimed actor David Haig portrays the author, with Hollywood star Amy Shiels as his mistress Ellen Ternan - known as Nelly.

The programme - filmed at Dickens' Swiss chalet in Rochester and Margate's Theatre Royal - will be screened at 9pm on Monday.

It is part of a series called *Victorian Passions* which lifts the lid on a so-called era of respectability.

A Channel 4 spokesman said: "The very symbol of Victorian virtue in public, for 13 years Charles Dickens conducted a secret love affair with an actress, possibly fathering two children who died in infancy.

"Attempts to conceal the affair involved a frantic double life with complex financial arrangements, networks of safe houses and bonfires of private letters and papers.

"It also entailed a series of ruthless acts which caused misery and irreparable rifts in his family. The programme revisits locations



SECRET AFFAIR: David Haig portrays Charles Dickens and Amy Shiels is Ellen Ternan in Channel 4's drama-documentary about their 13-year affair. Inset: Haig gives a reading as Dickens



where Dickens conducted his romance in near total secrecy, piecing together evidence that testifies to the couple's love.

"Interviews with experts, aficionados and descendants of the great man explore the effect the affair had on Dickens and his legacy."

The programme is presented by Charles Dance, who recently appeared in the BBC's acclaimed production of Dickens' *Bleak House*.

He takes the role of a detective questioning experts on how the relationship which betrayed his wife Catherine - from whom he eventually

separated - affected his writing and public personality.

Key scenes are dramatised to give the viewer greater understanding of those involved.

The programme was filmed on location at Dickens' Swiss chalet, which is now in the grounds of Eastgate House, Rochester.

It was originally in the garden of his home in Gad's Hill, just outside the city, and was the scene of much of his writing.

The Theatre Royal was chosen as the crew wanted to use locations Dickens was passionate about and he frequently held readings of his work there.

Desk sells well above Expectation



A CHAIR and desk believed to have been used by Charles Dickens when he wrote *Great Expectations* at his home in Gad's Hill near Rochester have been sold for £433,250 at auction.

The items were expected to sell for between £50,000 and £80,000 at Christie's auctioneers in London.

But competition was extremely intense for the items donated to raise funds for Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital by a family relative of the author.

Irish collector Tom Higgins will now take the historic furniture back to his home in County Wicklow.

The mahogany desk bears a bronze plaque which carries Dickens' name.

Along with the walnut chair, it was passed down to the author's great-great-grandson, Christopher Charles Dickens. When he died in 1999, his wife Jeanne-Marie donated both items to Great Ormond Street.

"Dickens was a champion of the poor and needy and an enthusiastic patron of Great Ormond Street Hospital in its early days," she said.

"I felt that it was Charles's wish and it is an honour for me to fulfil this wish."

Mr Higgins said: "I'm a big Dickens fan, I always have been. It's an important piece of literary history."

Dickens was one of Great Ormond Street's first patrons and spoke at its first fund-raising dinner in 1858.

A hospital spokesman said: "Money raised from the sale will help rebuild and refurbish the hospital, buy equipment and fund research."

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Police promise to keep disruption to minimum

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

POLICE officials will unveil their plans for keeping more than 1,000 power plant protestors at bay at a public meeting tomorrow night.

Senior officers are due to announce how they intend to police the week-long Camp for Climate Action demonstration, with a view to keeping "disruption to local life to a minimum" for Grain residents.

A police spokesman said: "At tomorrow's meeting at Grain village hall residents will be able to raise any concerns they have, and ask the police and council representatives questions, either during the meeting or informally afterwards."

"During the next month neighbourhood officers and a mobile police station will also be out and about on the Hoo Peninsula to keep residents updated about preparations for the camp."



CAMPAGNING: Protestors will be camping at Kingsnorth power plant in August

Protestors will descend on E.ON's Kingsnorth site from Sunday to Tuesday, August 3-12, to protest over a proposed new generation coal-fired power station being built at the site.

The action comes after months of tireless campaigning by the pressure group's members, who are outraged by the energy company's plans.

Greenpeace climate protestor

Joss Garman promised a "day of direct action" at Kingsnorth on Saturday, August 9, and said: "Coal is the most polluting of all fossil-fuels and the fact the Government looks set to approve plans for eight new coal power plants in the UK beggars belief."

"Kingsnorth alone will emit eight million tonnes of CO2 a year – more than nations such as Ghana – making it one of the

most climate-wrecking plants in Europe."

Eco-campaigners will begin their week-long protest with a day's action at Heathrow Airport, the site of last year's camp which was attended by 2,000 activists, before marching to Kingsnorth.

Camp spokesman Anna Jackson said this year's event could be their biggest yet.

She said: "This is a really vital campaign – Kent is the front line of the climate change agenda in the UK."

"A new coal power station would be a disaster for the climate. Kingsnorth is the first of seven planned around the UK."

"If it was approved it will set a precedent, which is why it must be stopped."

A spokesman for E.ON said: "Clearly we support the campaigners' right to protest, however we certainly hope it is a peaceful protest and that the activists don't trespass on our land."

Tomorrow's meeting will be held in Grain Village Hall from 7pm to 9pm. For more details call 01634 792660 or email kingsnorth.enquiries@kent.pnn.police.uk.

Payback has good effect on reforming criminals

MORE than 1,000 Medway offenders are currently undertaking court-ordered community service work, new figures show.

Kent Probation Service's data reveals 1,046 people are working off hours of unpaid work, now known as community payback, for the benefit of the community.

Between April 2007 and March 2008, 357 offenders completed their allocation – providing 60,000 hours of work in Medway.

The completion rate exceeded the government target of 245 for the year.

The service's figures also showed 68 residents completed a programme to tackle their offending behaviour – such as substance abuse, drink driving and domestic abuse – above the target of 51.

KPS' director of interventions Rob Verity said: "We achieved all our government targets during the last year, for offending behaviour programmes as well as community payback."

"When an offender completes a programme there is good evidence to show they will have learned new skills which will enable them to stay out of trouble."

"Those who have completed community payback will also have developed new skills and many who we supervise go on to get a job – the most important step an offender can take to lead a crime-free life."

Justice minister David Hanson MP said KPS' success showed community sentences were often a more effective way of reducing reoffending than a short prison sentence.

He said: "Prison is necessary to punish offenders and protect the public from serious sexual and violent offenders, and the government will always ensure there are places available for those offenders."

"But it is not necessarily the best route for less serious offenders, who may lose their job, their accommodation and their family ties after a short period of imprisonment."

"Avoiding these issues cuts the likelihood of reoffending on release, and in doing so cuts crime."

Show you have a heart by supporting the foundation

THE British Heart Foundation is running a campaign this month to raise £1.5 million to fund life-saving research.

The Help a Heart drive comes after recent figures showed 155 people across Britain die prematurely every day from heart and circulatory disease. The charity undertakes work into preventing the condition, as well as assisting

people who have had operations. Throughout June house collections are being organised and fundraising buttons will be on sale.

Julie Martin, from Rochester, had a heart attack at the age of 34. She explained why the campaign is so important to people like her.

"After I was released from hospital I had a BHF nurse to help me," she said. "She took

time to come and see me and explain things such as the food that was best for me and most appropriate exercises."

"After recovering from a heart attack you look fine on the outside but inside you are still healing and she helped me to cope with that."

"This is why I feel this campaign and the work of the charity is so important."

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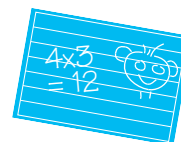
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Paper bags make an eco-friendly show

HUNDREDS of youngsters at schools across Medway took part in a variety of eco-friendly activities to celebrate national recycle week.

Enthusiastic pupils at Balfour Junior School in Chatham organised their own green fashion show, with clothes made from paper bags, as well as running a poster competition and a healthy tuck shop.

The schools' efforts came after they set up a gardening club and one class wrote and performed a rap song about recycling for last year's recycle week.

Teacher Ian Gambles said: "We're really keen on recycling here. Every class had bins to recycle paper, glass and plastic bottles."

Rainham School for Girls also took part, running a design a recycle bin contest.

Mayor to open new children's centre

PUPILS at Kingfisher Community Primary School will be treated to a fun day next week to celebrate the opening of the new multi-million pound children's centre.

Mayor of Medway David Carr will officially open the building at the Walderslade school on the morning of Friday, June 20.

The community is invited to join in the celebrations later that day, when a bouncy castle will be inflated, stalls will be set up and a raffle will be carried out.

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YUMMY: Telly chef Gary Rhodes with pupils at Twydall Junior School where he taught them to bake scones as part of the healthy schools campaign aiming to give kids cookery skills

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

CELEBRITY chef Gary Rhodes inspired dozens of pupils to get in the kitchen when he returned to his former primary school.

The Medway-raised Michelin-starred cook went back to Twydall Junior School on Thursday for the first time since he was a boy to pass on some healthy eating advice.

Gary chose four young Gordon Ramsay and Nigella Lawson wannabes to help him cook up a feast in the Romany Road school's hall – making 40 tasty scones from scratch.

The visit was part of Flora's Cooking with Schools campaign, which is designed to help pupils learn to cook.

Gary, who went on to the Howard School in

Rainham, said: "It's great to be back. The last time I was here was so many years ago. The school seems an awful lot bigger than when I was here."

"One of the youngsters said his dad was in the same class as me and I think it's great to catch up with old friends."

"I think for Flora to be spreading the healthy eating message is crucial and I think cookery lessons in schools should be compulsory."

"I really want to see proper tutors teaching in proper kitchens so that children from seven-year-olds upwards can learn important lessons about healthy food and healthy diets."

"It's imperative children learn how to cook healthy, balanced meals."

"These recipes are inspiring and interesting – a perfect starting point for your young ones."

Headteacher Ginny Wilson said: "Having Gary here has been very enjoyable for us all."

The children have all been very excited about it. Some of the parents of our children were in the same class as Gary when he was a pupil, which is very nice."

"As a school that promotes healthy eating, having a celebrity chef come in and champion the cause has been very useful."

The young cooks said they had enjoyed getting their hands dirty in the kitchen.

Deborah Odubango, 11, said: "It was really fun. We all got a chance to cook, mix, knead and cut out shapes. I'm really looking forward to tasting the scones."

Lauren Bear, 11, said: "I had to pour the milk into the mixture and mix it in with my hands. It was all gooey and not very nice."

Thomas Packham, also 11, added: "I had to cut out the shapes. I sometimes help my mum in the kitchen at home but now I'm thinking of taking over from her soon."

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2007 World Champion Kimi Raikkonen was the winner of last year's race in his Ferrari, beating the McLaren pairing of Lewis Hamilton and Fernando Alonso. This year Hamilton will be looking to join the elite of British drivers to win in front of the home crowd including Sterling Moss, Jackie Stewart, James Hunt, Nigel Mansell and Damon Hill.

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Brussels bureaucrats may be right about 2p banger

DOES anyone remember an episode of the TV show Yes Minister when there was a great deal made of a European Union bid to ban the British banger?

The whole plot revolved around the fact that it was considered unhealthy by European officials, who wanted to call it an "emulsified fried fat and gristle tube", or something similar.

Well, looking at the ingredients of the new 2p sausage as promoted by Asda I feel the Brussels bureaucrats might just have a point. At 16p for eight the Smart Price sausage contains 34 per cent pork – all well and good, even if sausages sold by rival stores boast pork content in excess of 90 per cent.

But other ingredients include ammonium carbonate, sodium metabisulphate, disphosphates and ascorbic acid – not to say rusk.

Sounds lovely. And where does all this fit in with the current fad for healthy eating?

If you listen to certain sections of the media

you'd have thought everyone scoured supermarket shelves in order to make sure every product they bought had an organic label on it.

Asda says the cheap sausage has been brought to the shelves in response to customer demand and contains no artificial colours or flavourings.

The company say that it is aimed at cash-strapped families and four people can be fed a meal of bangers, mash and carrots at a cost of £1.60. That's 40p a head – cheaper than a Mars Bar each. This may be so.

But I was of the impression everyone nowadays wanted sun-dried tomatoes with no food miles but a twist of coriander in the juice.

That certainly doesn't appear to be so and I think this Asda sausage has got to be – by virtue of its price – one of the least appetising foods ever put on the market.

The most unhealthy snack I have ever seen was in the USA – at a baseball game in fact.

A lutherburger is a cheeseburger smothered in sauces with the normal bun replaced by two halves of a glazed Krispy Kreme Donut.

It was invented by a diner in Georgia when the cook ran out of buns but had doughnuts.

Apparently each one contains more than 1,000 calories a portion and is accompanied by warnings that a bite can cause heart problems. Or just make you sick.

But at least it doesn't have an ingredients list which sounds like a GCSE chemistry question as the Asda delight seems to.

Other unhealthy foods have been identified by so-called consumer watchdogs as fizzy drinks, chips, doughnuts, coffee cake (why?), hot dogs, canned soup and luncheon meat.

With the possible exception of the last item the others are all perfectly palatable.

Of course, if you want something low on the health factor but a guaranteed delight I recommend a bowl of golden nuggets – the honey-based breakfast cereal which has yee-haw! (Or so it says on the packet).

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DELICIOUS: One of Phil Vickery's summer barbecue favourites is juicy turkey, basil and corn burgers

THERE'S nothing better than a juicy barbecued burger – and now a celebrity chef has shared his secret recipe for a healthy version all the family will love.

Phil Vickery's tip this summer is – make your burgers with British turkey meat.

Barbecue fan Phil, who even travelled to America to brush up his technique, says: "In my view, the leg, or dark meat, makes better burgers, purely because the meat is juicier."

"Turkey breast is also fine, but because skinned breast of turkey can be less than two per cent fat, when it cooks, it may end up a more crumbly texture."

But it definitely won't be dry, promises Phil. "I have discovered a great trick. If you add a little mayonnaise to the raw mix it really helps to keep the burger beautifully juicy and tasty."

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Try Phil's recipe for juicy turkey, basil and corn burgers and find more great recipes on www.britishturkey.co.uk and check out Weber's range of barbecues and accessories at www.weberbbq.co.uk.

Question: What Turkey meat makes better burgers according to Phil Vickery?

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TALK TIME

DEBORAH PUXTY

The Gillingham-based Cancer Research UK volunteer talks about her experience of fighting cancer.

Tell us a little about yourself.

I'm 31 and originally from Bapchild, near Sittingbourne. I also lived overseas in Dubai until I was 16. I'm an event manager for Revolution Events - one of the UK's leading organisers of innovative business events, working primarily within the technology, government and professional sectors.

How long have you been volunteering for Cancer Research UK and what attracted you to get involved?

I began to get involved with Cancer Research UK in early 2006 after I lost my nan to lung cancer in 2005. I started with the Race for Life, which I ran despite feeling poorly. I had always planned to run the next year but could never have foreseen I would have been diagnosed with bowel cancer in November 2006 and have surgery in December followed by chemotherapy from February until July. I did my second Race for Life on a 'bad' chemo weekend, but still enjoyed it. So now, I want to be able to help raise awareness and be able to provide support to those who need it as diagnosis, treatment and post treatment are all equally hard times.

What does your volunteering involve and how much time do you need to dedicate to it?

As well as taking part in the Race for Life, my volunteering involves being on the organising committee for Relay For Life Rochester, an annual community event taking place over 24 hours for all the family. I also take part in fundraising activities, collections and share my story of survival to raise awareness. Volunteering can take as little or as much time as you want - from two hours a month to a number of hours a week. Every hour helps.

Why should people volunteer?

I get satisfaction knowing that not only am I raising awareness, but that there is hope after diagnosis. I believe if I can help one person then I've achieved my goal. We can all do something to help.



YOUR LETTERS



Help us bring an end to the tolls

The congestion is caused by the tolls, not the crossing.

The Department for Transport wants to keep the tolls as a way of making more money from drivers and hauliers.

If you can help in the fight to get the tolls scrapped, then please contact the National Alliance Against Tolls at naat@nottolls.org.uk.

John McGoldrick, from the Wirral in Merseyside, comment posted on web story at www.yourmaidstone.co.uk



Only foreign lorries should have to pay

I've just read the article by James Alexandre about increases in QE11 Bridge tolls.

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across half the road width, this would benefit all users as the flow of traffic would be greatly improved, the environment

would benefit also, by reducing pollution from vehicle exhausts, and reduce the carbon foot print.

All UK-registered vehicles would have free and unrestricted access across the Thames.

A D Tregunno, from Lords Wood, by email

Freight costs affect price of everything

The rising price of oil on the world market during the last two years has meant we have all suffered. Very bad news for car drivers commuting to work, doing the shopping or getting about. Dire for operators of lorries and vans who need to move their goods as part of their business. Worst of all for hauliers, whose entire business is to move other people's goods. Fuel now represents almost 40 per cent of total operating costs. Bulk diesel prices have risen from 76p last May to 106p per litre today - a 40 per cent increase in just 12 months.

Diesel is the lifeblood of the economy. If you've got it then it has almost certainly been inside the back of a lorry. Everything in the supermarkets, high street, the bricks that build our homes and the beer that stocks our pubs. You name it and it's the product of a lorry journey. You may not like the lorry, but it delivers everything you need.

Sadly, the problems caused by a rising oil prices are compounded in the UK by our ultra-high tax regime. Duty on diesel is 50p per litre compared to the European average of 25p. A single 40-tonne lorry, doing around seven miles to the gallon, now faces an annual fuel bill of between £40,000 and £45,000, of which over £21,000 is tax.

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the price of everything. That is why it is so important for the Government to change its tax strategy and reduce the level of duty paid by commercial vehicle operators. Not just for the benefit of those operators, but for all of us as consumers. High diesel prices stoke inflation.

The call for lower diesel duty is not just self interest by the transport industry. It is important for every one of us.

Gordon Telling
London, South East and East of England
Freight Transport Association

Market is valuable asset for our town

I am outraged at the council plan to merge Rochester's weekly market with the farmer's market as it means the historic market will be lost. The Conservative council is failing to protect our markets. Just look at what has happened to Rochester market since it was moved. I am very concerned Medway will be losing this historic market that has been there for 800 years.

The markets bring in a lot of business for traders and is really appreciated by people but the council seem happy to neglect them.

Cllr Geoff July,
leader of Medway council's Liberal Democrat group, by email.

Were you ever a part of the light fleet?

Did you serve on any of the light fleet carriers; HMS Bulwark, Albion or Centaur? Our association is open

to anyone who served at any time on these ships.

We send out a magazine three times per year plus hold events including our annual social, sea days with our new ships and anniversary commemorations at home and abroad.

While our home port is Portsmouth, next year's meeting and social will be held at Sand Bay Holiday Village in Beach Road, Kewstoke, Weston-super-Mare, Somerset, on Saturday, May 30.

We also sponsor sea cadets on the training ship Royalist. Membership is £8 per annum.

Please contact me to find out more or visit www.bulwarkassoc.plus.com.

Leigh Easton, membership secretary from
HMS Bulwark Albion Centaur Association,
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Support your dad this Father's Day

This June is the Everyman Male Cancer Awareness month, a time to think about the 37,000 men affected by male cancers (prostate and testicular) every year in the UK.

Everyman is committed to changing that statistic and so am I. That's why I'm supporting their partnership with Debenhams, who with the help of the public, hope to raise an amazing £100,000 to fund vital research.

Every time you buy



something from their menswear range in the lead up to Father's Day, money will be donated to find new cures for male cancer.

And you can give your dad the chance to win some great prizes by nominating him as your town's Father of the Year.

So, get your dad a great present, and help us fight against male cancer.

David James,
England goalkeeper, by email.

Our volunteers are incredibly valuable

I'm writing on behalf of The Stroke Association to pay tribute to our team of volunteers during National Volunteers Week, which took place from June 1 to 7.

Every five minutes, someone in the UK has a stroke – a brain attack. Without the unselfish dedication and enthusiasm of our volunteers, we could not give those affected by stroke the support they need.

Whether it is their direct assistance within one of the rehabilitation and support services, or their involvement in raising funds or awareness of stroke, we are reliant on and appreciative of this gift of time from our many volunteers.

As chairman of the Council for The Stroke Association (a voluntary role), it has been an honour to meet and work with so many of our volunteers across the UK.

I would encourage anyone with time to give to get in touch at volunteering@stroke.org.uk or visit www.stroke.org.uk.

Professor Averil Mansfield,
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PLATINUM: Carl and Andy Pemberton almost gave up performing after mounting debts, but X Factor gave them a new chance to succeed in music

Journey South's trek continues

Three years on for those X Factor lads on tour with their third album

JOURNEY South might have appeared to win overnight success on a TV talent show, but the reality was very different.

Brothers Carl and Andy Pemberton, from Middlesbrough, had already been gigging around the pubs of the North East for several years before their big break came along with X Factor.

They powered through to the final of ITV's talent search and won third place in the 2005 series.

Since then they have released two albums and enjoyed a sell-out 41-date national tour, with fans of the show clamouring to see them perform live.

With their good looks and great voices, the brothers have built up a large fan base and were able to have full control over their latest album Home, which was released on their own record label.

But despite their success, the

JOURNEY SOUTH

Friday, June 13
Central Theatre, Chatham



brothers have never forgotten how hard it was to make their mark before X Factor came along.

Determined to pursue a music career, Carl gave up his plumbing apprenticeship three months before he would have qualified and the pair set off to London with a caravan they had bought on a credit card.

The dramatic move inspired the duo's name, but they were soon to discover that the capital's streets were not paved with gold.

After two years of gigging, the pair had run up £20,000 of debt and made little progress in the industry.

"I think we felt like we had given it as much as we could, because we got into a lot of debt between us," Carl said. "We thought, 'when do we pull the plug?' because the amount just kept running up. In the end we just had to quit and it was heartbreaking."

Bearing in mind their previous dis-

appointments, Carl and Andy were cautiously optimistic when they made it through the first round of X Factor's auditions.

They became a favourite with the viewers and judges, winning them over with strong rock anthems and fast development.

They even tamed the fearsome Simon Cowell, who signed them to Sony BMG when the show finished.

Despite losing out to eventual winner Shayne Ward, the brothers had made an impact and their musical career had a new lease of life.

Their first album went platinum and since then they have attracted interest from South Africa, Japan and the Netherlands.

Fans will have the opportunity to meet the boys at the Central Theatre, as they will sign copies of their new CD Home after the show.

The concert starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £17.50/£16.

To book call the box office on 01634 338338 or visit the website at www.medway.gov.uk/theatrebooking.

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GORDON GILTRAP

Thursday, June 19
Brook Theatre, Chatham



ONE of the country's most innovative acoustic guitarists will be visiting Medway next week.

Gordon Giltrap has been in the music industry for more than 40 years and has won fans all over the world with his ability to straddle musical styles. With influences as diverse as Hank Marvin, Pete Townsend and John Williams, he has become one of our finest guitarists.

No less a person than Queen guitarist Brian May has described Giltrap as "one of the elite few who truly have become legendary in their field in their own lifetime".

Giltrap has won a coveted Ivor Novello Award and released more than 25 albums. He scored a hit single with Heartstrings, which was later used as the theme tune for the BBC's Holiday Programme.

The concert starts at 8pm and tickets cost £10 or £9 for folk mailing list members. To book call the box office on 01634 338338 or go to www.medway.gov.uk/theatres to book online.

GLENN MILLER ORCHESTRA

Sunday, June 15
Central Theatre, Chatham



THE Glenn Miller Orchestra will be visiting Medway next week, giving one of its members the chance to perform for a home crowd.

International drummer Bobby Cleall still lives in the area and is delighted to be performing in Chatham.

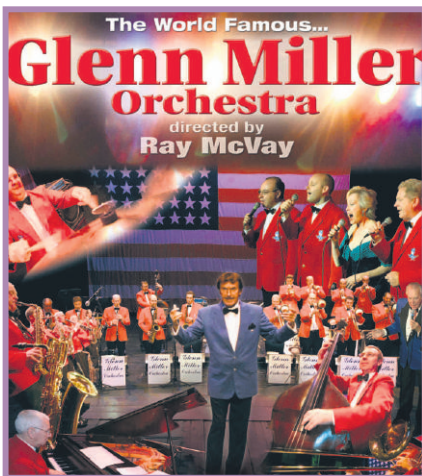
Along with a special guest, legendary drummer Eric Delaney, the orchestra promises to present a great spectacle for the audience.

The show will include lots of Miller favourites and harmonies from the Moonlight Serenaders and the Uptown Hall Jazz Band.

Cleall's four-decade career began playing cruise ships and summer seasons.

Local jazz fans may remember him playing with Spanish Fly and he has also worked with Kenny Baker, Ray Gelato, Buddy Rich and Ray McVay.

He has won awards, co-written a book with American drummer Steve Gadd, written for Drummer Magazine and continues to teach



locally. His former students include Matthew Letley of Status Quo.

The show starts at 5pm and tickets cost £16.50/£15. Call the box office on 01634 338338 or book online at www.medway.gov.uk/theatres.

BIG BAD MOUSE

Tuesday to Saturday, June 17 to 21
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A MOUSE becomes a man in this classic farce starring legendary comedy duo Cannon and Ball.

Big Bad Mouse is the story of Mr Bloome (Ball), a put-upon employee of Chunkibix Ltd who slavishly follows the orders of his boss Mr Price-Hargreaves (Cannon). But when Bloome is falsely accused of chasing a young woman across the common, suddenly he is viewed differently by those around him.

Now the hero of his female colleagues, Bloome starts enjoying the mix-up. So when his 'victim' realises her mistake, he is determined to keep her quiet.

Cannon and Ball, one of Britain's most successful double acts, will be filling the roles originally made famous by Jimmy Edwards and Eric Sykes. They will be joined by Allo's Sue Hodge as Lady Chesapeake and a full supporting cast.

Renowned for ad-libbing and off-the-cuff fun, no two shows are the same and audiences should enjoy some big laughs.



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MEDWAY LEISURE

New Cinderella will go to the ball - if picked

THE search is on for a new star to appear as Cinderella in the Central Theatre's pantomime this Christmas.

The lucky winner will star alongside Eastenders actor Joe Swash as Buttons. Applicants must be aged between 17 and 25, have strong singing and acting skills and be a competent dancer. They must be available all day, every day from December 1 to January 4.

Open workshop-style auditions will take place at the theatre on Sunday, June 22, with registration at 10.30am.

Find out more online at www.evolution-productions.co.uk/cinderella.

Jazz up your evening with a live performance

JAZZ fans can enjoy an evening of great live music when the Donn Barcott Band performs tomorrow night.

The seven-piece band will be providing the tunes at the 4-4-Two Club in Featherby Road, Gillingham. The event will run from 8pm until 11pm and there will be snacks, a raffle and a licensed bar.

Admission costs £5. For more information call the jazz line on 01634 405037.

Multi-coloured bird coats crafted with care

ADMIRE the work of artist Dawn Badland at Rochester Art Gallery and Craft Case, as part of Medway Fuse Festival.

Inspired by the work of Victorian naturalist Walter Prentis, Badland has reinvented the coat patterns of birds using print and mixed media. The exhibition runs until July 13 and entry is free.

The festival ends on Saturday.

Chatham Girl links up with her artistic side

THE relationship between artist and model will be celebrated in Chatham Girl The Exhibition.

Featuring work by many of the artists that poet and life model Zara Carpenter - AKA Chatham Girl - has worked with, Carpenter provides the link in this celebration of Medway's artistic community.

The exhibition will be opening at the New Art Centre in Chatham on Tuesday, June 24. Find out more about the centre online at www.nac.co.uk.

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FOR YOU TO ENJOY: The Hives and The Cribz are two of the many great acts confirmed to play at this year's Port Lympne Wild Animal Park's Zoo Thousand festival

Fancy a festival but not the ticket price?

ZOO Thousand organisers are offering free entry, food and drinks to next month's eagerly anticipated three-day music festival.

The offer sounds too-good-to-be-true. And it is. All you have to do to claim your freebies is put in two eight hour shifts behind the festival's bars*.

A spokesman for Peppermint Bars, the firm behind the volunteer deal, said: "There is a common thread between people who attend festivals and those who work at them - we all love being part of it."

"We know it sounds cheesy but apart from striving to deliver the best bar service to the festival, above all, we want you to have a good time doing it."

"In exchange for your hard work - two six to eight hour shifts - we'll get you in free to the fes-

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

tival and provide you with a meal and two free drinks from the bar for each shift you complete."

Zoo8 takes place at Port Lympne Wild Animal Park near Ashford from Friday to Sunday, July 4-6.

Mark Ronson, The Cribz and The Hives have been confirmed as the main headliners for the festival, taking to the stage after a host of established acts, such as Dizzee Rascal, Ash, British Sea Power, Delays, Athlete and Funeral For A Friend.

Those seeking the next-big-thing have also been catered for, with dozens of promising up-and-comers lined up to perform across six smaller stages. If you are unfamiliar with the works of Kid Harpoon, Underground Heroes, Rosemary, Tom Allalone and Brigadier

Ambrose, now's your chance to be enlightened.

A standard weekend ticket costs £99 for an adult and £50 for children aged between six and 15. Day entry costs £45 for adults and £25 for children.

Of course, entry is free for festival volunteers. Peppermint Bars' spokesman added: "Our new registration system for 2008 has many improvements, including allowing you full control to request the exact bar and shift times you want to work online, and allowing you to come back and change your shifts any time until just before the festival."

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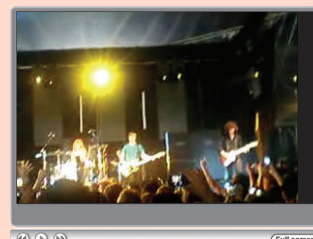
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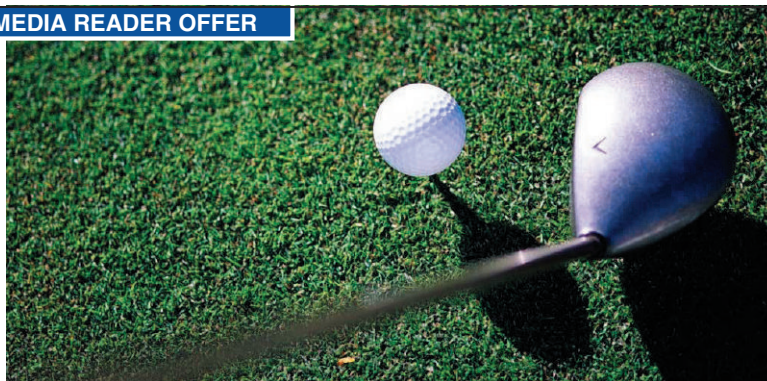
Golf's best known names including last year's victor Pdraig Harrington* will descend on Royal Birkdale, one of Britain's finest golf clubs. Having previously hosted two Ryder Cups, the Walker and Curtis Cups, the Women's British Open and, on eight occasions, the Open, Royal Birkdale is the perfect setting for the Open this summer.

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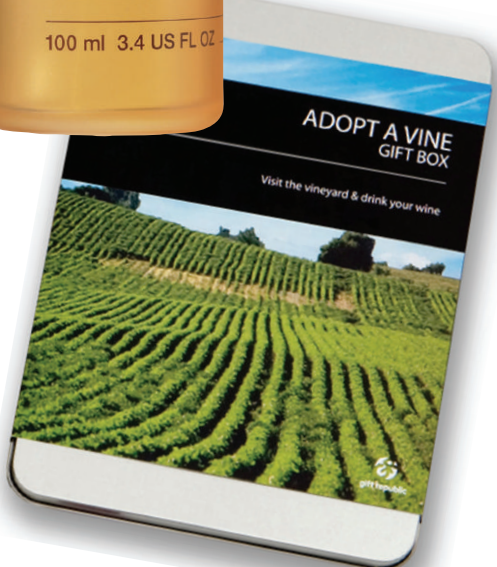
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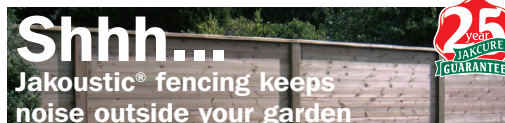
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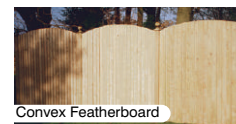
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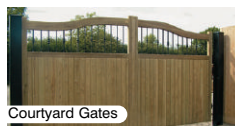


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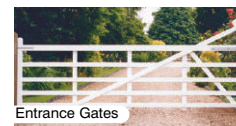


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YOUR TV REVIEW



BIG BROTHER
Channel 4, week nights, 9pm

■ BY TOM BETTS

IT'S summer time and the most derided show ever to push its way down the tube into our homes has returned.

No matter what your view of this reality TV heavyweight is, you have to say that double B has done well to reach this, its ninth series proper.

The show's longevity is undoubtedly its real feat.

All the more remarkable considering the Shilpa Shetty racism row, the police entering the house to split up a fight and one participant (Bonnie) who couldn't even pronounce her own name – the real low point, perhaps.

Worst of all, we even had the non-event that was the Big Brother: Celebrity Hijack (did anyone actually watch after the first night?), yet still it lives.

This is TV's equivalent to the movie villain who won't die, no matter if he has been stabbed, shot, thrown off a skyscraper or subjected to a whole series of My Family.

Nor does a show divide the country in this way and for such a sustained period of time.

On the one hand you have those who hate it and everything it stands for (but who often watch anyway) and on the other hand the hordes who become a little obsessed and tune in every night requiring their fix of madness.

All fine enough, although if you find yourself actually voting then you need to start asking yourself a few serious questions.

The simple fact is that every year millions of us lap it up.

And what better way for Channel 4 to further split the country into two



HOUSE OF HORRORS: Davina McCall will be keeping an eye on the Big Brother housemates

warring factions than this year's rum bunch.

Contestants include a love-struck couple, accountant, masseuse, model, radio producer, dancer, toy demonstrator, trainee teacher, executive chef, and the usual smattering of students.

It is 93 days long, bound to be the talk of workplaces up and down the land for some months and, one suspects, still to be with us for many years yet.

Of course the cruel irony here is the contestants, every fame-seeking last one of them, will never be more well-known than when they are in the house itself and will likely have a lousy, traumatic journey as producers Endemol have promised to get tough... again.

There was even a fake marriage in week one.

Now, tough is one thing but torture – isn't that illegal?

YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)

YOU finally have a chance to slow down and enjoy an easy life. An influential contact or close friend could prompt you to try a new pastime and it will give you a big buzz. A financial setback could occur. Have faith that your cash flow will soon recommence.

To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aquarius** 09067-531762



TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)

MONEY could come and go very quickly, but that doesn't bother you a bit. You consider your cash well spent as you buy beautiful things to uplift and inspire you. A friend's erratic behaviour could upset you. It's hard to know whether you should confront them or let sleeping dogs lie.

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LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)

DOING things for yourself has very little appeal this week. You're ready to do your bit on the behalf of others. Getting involved with a good cause should prove exhilarating. Don't be surprised if you're offered a leadership position. People are drawn to your warmth and generosity.

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SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

A PROGRAMME of self-improvement could get rewarding. Although breaking a bad habit won't be easy, you can do it. Contrary to what you might think, people will respect your admission of weakness. They'll offer all the support you need to overcome this obstacle.

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PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)

HOUSEHOLD matters take up most of your time this week. If you've been thinking of moving, this would be an excellent time to begin your search for a new place. Take care that erratic habits don't scare anyone off. The more conservative you appear, the better.

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GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22)

YOUR ability to inspire others helps you attract favourable attention. Speaking your mind to an authority figure wins their respect. They can teach you a lot, provided you're willing to rein in your ego. Upheavals at work could cause you to snap at someone you love. Think before you speak.

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VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23)

YOUR drive to succeed is unstoppable. There's never been a better week to seek career opportunities. Although onlookers may not think you're competition, they have no idea how ambitious you really are. Working hard behind the scenes will help you overcome competition.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

You could find a kindred spirit in a highly educated person. This friend may prompt you to change career paths or alter your lifestyle. Don't be afraid to make changes for the sake of your own happiness. Meddlers may accuse you of being selfish, but that's because they're jealous.

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ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20)

YOUR mind and heart are working hand in hand. Take care not to blurt secrets to a loved one. This person isn't trustworthy with sensitive information. Keep these impulses for yourself. You will get plenty of support to move forward with a plan you've held dear since childhood.

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CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23)

A DESIRE for peace and quiet could prompt you to spend more time at home. An exciting earning opportunity could come your way. Getting caught up in a religious or political cause could undermine your peace of mind. Be careful where you tread.

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LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23)

YOU yearn to explore greener pastures. Lately, you've been trying to synthesise the lessons you've learned over the past few months. An impassioned friend will urge you to move forward with your plans. Be sure to follow their advice. Avoid discussing controversial topics at work.

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CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)

MAKING inroads at work will give you great pleasure. It's within your reach to reform outmoded systems. Fortunately, your colleagues will back your efforts. Once your superiors see how well your efforts work, they'll realise it's pointless to go back to the original ways.

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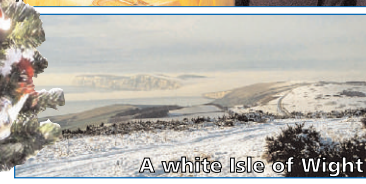
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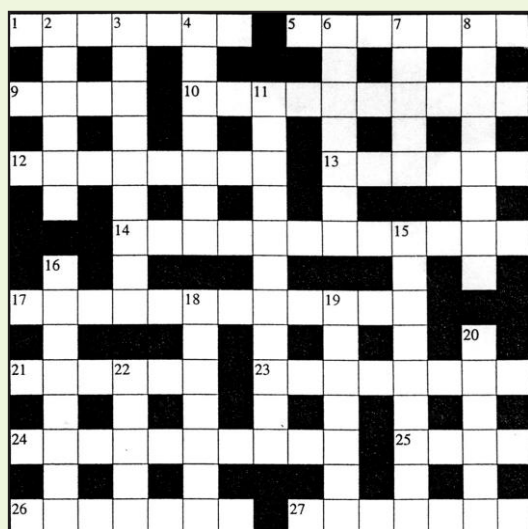
ACROSS

- 1 Moderate limit by modifications (7)
- 5 Fat soap I'd smeared on end of nose (7)
- 9 Joke from first person in France by the way (4)
- 10 Rhythmically lacking strength of character (5-5)
- 12 Win easily although not in form! (8)
- 13 Steer taking last part of the soup (6)
- 14 Suitable to become a union member (12)
- 17 Like the heavens perhaps beyond one's comprehension (4,4,4)
- 21 Sour expert has contract (6)
- 23 Improved, having been given a lift (6,2)
- 24 Lady had hen William cooked (10)
- 25 Audibly complains about dimensions (4)
- 26 Supporter of one in prayer (7)
- 27 Pip is right to be more shabby (7)

DOWN

- 2 Fashionable new flues of good purpose (6)
- 3 Metal core removed by tardy person (9)
- 4 Loud and dishonest place of amusement (7)
- 6 Lengthy time of fame first - lasting 24 hours! (7)
- 7 Queue for milk in Paris after parking (5)
- 8 Difficult to describe it in translation on screen (8)
- 11 State flower (11)
- 15 Now having put on clothes, spoke (9)
- 16 Six in London area getting into trouble with expulsion (8)
- 18 Flying body (7)
- 19 In French class welcome enclosure (7)
- 20 Crossword used to perplex (6)
- 22 Some impolite heehaw or laugh (5)

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QUICK CLUES

ACROSS

- 1 It keeps the pot hot (3-4)
- 5 Copy (7)
- 9 Broad smile (4)
- 10 Oarsman's craft (6-4)
- 12 Refutation (8)
- 13 Ice-cold (6)
- 14 Bring back into good condition (12)
- 17 Small case (9,3)
- 21 Patterned material (6)
- 23 Energetic (8)
- 24 Final battle (10)
- 25 Dyke builder (4)
- 26 Specimen (7)
- 27 Second son of Noah (7)

DOWN

- 2 Nearer (anag.) (6)
- 3 Victor (9)
- 4 Claw (7)
- 6 Attentive (7)
- 7 Proscribed (5)
- 8 Absurd imitation (8)
- 11 Operating properly (4-7)
- 15 Imago producing woolly-bear larva (5-4)
- 16 Female pilot (8)
- 18 Desk reservoir (7)
- 19 A big one (anag.) (7)
- 20 Refreshment bar (6)
- 22 Panic (5)

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

SUDOKU SOLUTIONS No39

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CRYPTIC SOLUTION No39

ACROSS: 1 Mozzarella 7 Wick 9 Gauntlet 10 Carnal 11 Exhaustive 14 Purulent 15 Throng 16 Frigid 18 Backlash 20 Uneducated 23 Hilary 24 Mangrove 25 Mete 26 Donkeywork. DOWN: 2 Okay 3 Zena 4 Relieve 5 Latchet 6 Account 7 Work-to-rule 8 Chauvinism 12 Quarantine 13 Juggled hare 17 Decayed 18 Bitumen 19 Cadence 21 Prow 22 Ever.

QUICK SOLUTION No40

ACROSS: 1 Tea-cosy 5 Imbibe 9 Cinch 10 Anathema 18 Inkwell 19 Begonia 20 Buffet 22 Alarm. DOWN: 1 Well-behaved 15 Tiger-moth 16 Conqueror 4 Scratch 6 Minifruit 7 Taboo 8 Example 27 Japheth. DOWN: 2 Earner 3 Vigorous 24 Armageddon 25 Offa 26 Rhabdite 17 Overnight bag 21 Damask Rowing boat 13 Frozen 14

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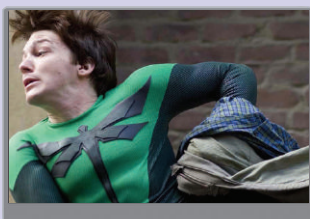
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Director Ben's back baby back

BY ROBIN WALKER

BEN Affleck proves even the crash and burn of a high profile Hollywood romance can have a silver lining.

At the height of his tabloid-blazing relationship with Jennifer Lopez four years ago, he started writing a film script of Dennis Lehane's novel *Gone Baby Gone*, a harrowing thriller about the search for a missing four-year-old girl and the people it involves.

Initially he thought of it as a vehicle for Lopez, but instead it has become an acclaimed directing debut for the 35-year-old actor.

In the decade since he won a Best Screenplay Oscar with pal Matt Damon for *Good Will Hunting*, Ben has gone from bright newcomer to blockbuster star to tabloid fodder. It has been a bruising rise and fall that would have sunk a less-talented actor.

But the surprising thing about Ben Affleck, considering his bad choices like *Gigli*, is how articulate and bright he is.

Multi-lingual in Spanish and French, his all-American good looks are matched by genuine depth and he's matter-of-fact about what has happened to his career.

"The first half of the media cycle was fascination, the second half was rejection. But what I never realised is that the public don't end up blaming the magazines that write every insane, untrue story."

He's a different person from his public image, says Ben – who admits to being scared during his first day as director. Prior to *Gone Baby Gone* he'd only directed a student film.

"I'm always described as 'cocksure' or 'with a swagger'. That bears no resemblance to who I feel like inside. I feel plagued by insecurity."

While depicting the tragedy of 1950s television *Superman* George Reeves in 2006 film *Hollywoodland* went some way to rejuvenating his acting career, *Gone Baby Gone* has really turned heads.

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It stars Ben's brother Casey as dogged private eye Patrick Kenzie, who refuses to give up on looking for the missing child. Set in the gritty world of working-class Boston, it's full of tough miscreants and losers.

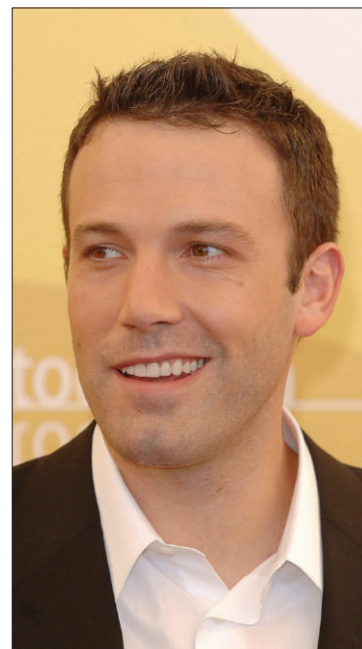
"I felt maybe this was a way to have a sense of authorship about what I was doing without having to stick my face out there," says Ben about sitting in the director's chair.

It's a film that raises all sorts of issues about how we live and treat children, he says. "At first you think the girl is a victim. Then you see the squalor the girl lives in and your heart goes out to her not only where she's been taken to but for where she used to live."

The film has echoes of the press frenzy over the Madeleine McCann case, but Ben cut back on making the media the bad guys in the film.

"I scaled back on that because Lehane really hammers the media in the book. I thought I can't do too much of this because, in a weird way, it was one of the ways my own hand might start to feel visible in the movie."

However, plans to show the film at the London Film Festival last October were put on



STILL HERE: Despite a career littered with highs and lows, Ben Affleck is still proving he's got what it takes

hold by Disney because of the ongoing McCann case.

"We just thought it was better to err on the side of discretion," says Ben. "I'm proud to be associated with a company that made a decision I thought was respectful."

Ben will return to acting in the romance comedy *He's Just Not That Into You* with Jennifer Aniston and Scarlett Johansson, due for release later this year.

He counts himself very lucky in a business where many people fall by the wayside. He may have taken a hefty pay cut in Hollywood terms from his \$12-million-plus-per-film heyday, but he is still paid a lot of money doing what he loves.

"I have really very little to feel sorry for myself about. People have legitimate hardships, so it's kind of petty for me to sit around ruminating about little dents in what has been a very fortunate life so far."



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A horse by any other name

BY ED HILL

WHEN I was asked to take a gastronomic tour of Flanders the history of the suffering of the soldiers involved in World War One sat uncomfortably with the thought of stuffing my face with the region's best food and drink, but in many ways the region is an example of the very best and worst of human civilisation.

Firstly, I should say the area is an ideal destination for someone in Kent to make a weekend break, although there is plenty to justify a longer stay.

We travelled with Norfolkline which runs ferries from Dover to Dunkerque. Ypres is less than an hour's drive from the port and makes the ideal centre from which to travel around the region.

On the way to the city we stopped to sample one of Belgium's most famous exports – beer. We began at the De Dolle Brewers (or Mad Brewer's) company in Esen.

This company was started in 1980 by two brothers, Chris and Jo Hoteller, and produces some of the region's most distinctive bottle fermented beers. Gert, the brother's 90-year-old mother, and our guide, swears by the beers medicinal properties and judging by the speed she climbed the stairs it was hard to disagree.



GOURMET: The central square of Ypres has plenty of lively cafe-bars

We then travelled to Westvleteren to sample beer brewed by the Trappist monks at Sixtus Abbey; named by one US website as being the best in the world.

In Ypres we stayed close to the centre at the Ambrosia Hotel. The town retains its mediaeval character including the impressive Cloth Hall which houses the In Flanders Fields museum. The lively town square provides a relaxed atmosphere in which to eat and drink.

The In De Zon restaurant specialises in serving some of the region's most well-known dishes.

es. I chose to eat paardenvlees (horse).

Most people in the UK may object to eating My Little Pony but to be honest I have never got on with the things, so the opportunity of eating one seemed too good to miss. In fact, unless I had been told it was equine in origin I would have assumed it was just a tender cut of beef.

We spent the next day exploring the region's bloody World War One history. Until September the In Flanders Fields Museum is holding an excellent exhibition about the many peoples and cultures from outside Europe which were involved in the war.

The countryside is dotted with cemeteries with war dead from the conflict. We visited the largest Commonwealth cemetery Tyne Cot which contains the remains of more than 11,000 men and lists the names of more than 35,000 men missing in action on its walls.

In the evening we observed the Last Post which is held at the city's Menin Gate everyday at 8pm.

We then went to dine at the Regina restaurant off the town square where we were served an excellent pigeon dish. Just to say I had not set out to eat unusual animals during my visit, that is just how it turned out.

I wondered if the next day's menu might contain weasel. In fact I was served rabbit, veal and chicken in a clear aspic jelly at the Gasthof De Kring restaurant in Poperinge.

Flanders is a region of stark contrasts. It may seem it is dominated by the history of World War One, but it has much to offer the visitor.

FACT FILE: BELGIUM

Time difference	UK + 1 hour
Capital	Brussels
Population	10.5 million
Currency	Euro
Religion	Catholic
Climate	Temperate
Language	French/Dutch/German

Holiday details

Ed Hill travelled to Belgium with Norfolkline on its Dover to Dunkerque route. The company has recently introduced three new ferries on the route. Prices start at £19 for a one-way trip for a car and up to four passengers. Visit www.norfolkline.com for more information. Other cross-Channel operators include SeaFrance and P&O. Accommodation is varied. A night's stay at the new Ambrosia Hotel close to the city centre in Ypres, costs from about 54 euros for a single, or 69 euros for a double or twin.

The In Flanders Fields Museum's Man Culture War exhibition mentioned in the article runs until September 7. Opening hours are 10am to 6pm. Adult entry is eight euros for both the exhibition and museum or five euros just for the exhibition.



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TWO LIPS FROM AMSTERDAM!
I'm a tall, blonde half-Dutch woman, 27, love swimming, power-walking and music. Looking for a lovely man with GSOH, for something special. Box 893230

ANOTHER GLASS?
28yr old female, long blonde hair, blue eyes, 5'11, slim, attractive, GSOH, love evenings out with wine, seeking similar gent to fall in love with. Box 440218

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MUSIC TO OUR EARS

Outgoing female, 31, tall, skinnier, like going out, eating out, socialising, walks, looking for a funny, blond gentleman with good looks for lasting companionship. Maidstone. Box 441023

SUPER BIKE CHICK
Slim lady, 31, 5'10, shoulder length dark hair, hazel eyes, loves having fun and meeting new people, likes music, pubs, socialising with friends, keeping fit. Box 433131

I'M IN GOOD TIME
Tall, black, pretty female, 31, new to the Chatham area, loves watching football, shopping, travel, seeking tall, white, loving male 34-47 for LTR. Box 437778

ARE YOU MR RIGHT?
Single Mum, 30, 5'10, short brown hair, petite, loves pubs, clubs, eating out, nights in, seeking Mr Right for friendship, maybe more. Box 437895

CUDLY
32yr old woman, 5'10, brown hair, curvy figure, I enjoy having fun and a laugh and WLTW nice, kind gent. Box 439402

CANTERBURY TALE
Single mum of 2, 32, WLTW someone kind, caring and considerate, for nights in/and cinema. Ryan from Whitstable, please call again, leave contact details! Box 406670

I'LL BE SEEING YOU
I'm a social, caring and sensual woman, 33, who enjoys having fun, conversation, arts, music and eating out, seeking a like-minded, upbeat man. Box 891177

JAZZ FUSION
Single girl, hardworking, kind and caring, 32, brown hair/eyes, nice smile, looking to meet similar for let's see how it goes. Box 901072

NEO?

Are you the one? I'm 33, single, 5'10, pure country lass from farming background, seeking my lovely country man to make me forever happy. Box 892265

SHY

Attractive female, 5'3", 30, brown hair/eyes, GSOH, likes countryside, restaurants, tap-dance, clay modelling, seeks charming family man, 37-42. Steve 40, from Maidstone please call again. Box 806385

FUN-LOVING
Attractive female, 31, 5'4", size 12, dark hair with blonde highlights, tactile, WLTW intelligent, professional, attractive guy, for a happy relationship. Tunbridge Wells. Box 308734

TRY NEW THINGS
Mum of 1, I'm 5'10, blonde hair, slim, young looking, 34yrs old. I'm caring, honest, with a GSOH, I like keep fit, cinema, dancing, days out. Box 431559

R U THE 1?
Outgoing, funny, young-looking female, 34, 5'10, brown hair/eyes, Tonbridge. Seeks caring, loyal male for friendship, leading to more. Box 43107

NESTLE UP
Single, kind, caring animal lover, 34, from Kent, likes cooking, cinema, theatre, most music, seeks non-smoking male 34-38 for LTR. Box 440782

TAKE A CHANCE ON ME

Single mum of 3, 37, fun-loving, great to be around, been hurt in the past, heart has been broken and needs mending. Box 908053

SEIZE THE DAY

Loving female, 36, 5'10, brown hair, green eyes, likes socialising, staying in, seeks genuine male for friendship and more. Box 428666

BLONDE AMBITION

Bubbly, cuddly, blonde single mum, 38, 5'6", likes cars, reading, pubs, cozy nights in, having a laugh, looking for that right male for LTR. Box 905614

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Tall, outgoing lady, 43, large build, newly settled in Kent, needs to spread her wings and meet a nice chap! Let's chat! Box 895908

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Hard-working female, 41, 5'4", bubbly, independent woman, love to laugh, socialising with friends, looking for independent man who values TLC. Box 414156

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Deal-based lady, 43, divorced, brunette, green eyes, 5'10, likes going out, pubs, clubs, cinema, shopping, walks, loves films and all sports/entertainment. Box 430364

GET IN TOUCH...

I'm a 39yr old divorced Mum of 1, enjoy reading/dancing, socialising, family life, seeking kind, caring, funny male for potential LTR. Box 441051

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MAKE ME LAUGH

Lovely, single, professional, professional white male 40-50 for company, fun, love and laughter. Box 440304

KIND IN KENT

Sincere female, quiet, friendly and genuine, 39, 5'11, looking for friendship/relationship. Likes cozy nights in, restaurants, going out, martial arts. Kent. Box 901235

GET IT TOGETHER

Kind, caring, spiritual lady, 39, 5'4", average build, hazel puppy-dog eyes, brown hair, looking for genuine, honest guy, non-smoker, friendship first. Box 899694

MAYBE BABY, MAYBE!

Fun-loving, vivacious lady, 41, one son, enjoys dining out, walking, cinema, romantic meals, seeking confident man with GSOH, N/S, for friendship. Kent. Box 895679

YOUNG-LOOKING AMAZED

Young-looking/looking curvy woman, 41, looking for someone special, for nights out. Hopefully leading to something amazing and long term. Box 746761

DON'T PASS ME BY

Friend, fun-loving woman, 45, 5'4", GSOH, enjoys socialising, pubs, music, eating out, own home/car, smoker, looking for honest man 40-45, who enjoys life. Box 82441

SANDY SEEMS DANNY

Slim, petite Sandy, 46, brown hair, green eyes, no ties, loves socialising, eating out, GSOH, seeking trustworthy, honest man for partnership and mutual affection. Box 441001

LET'S EXPLORE!

Hi Christie, 46, bubbly, outgoing, 5'10, blue eyes, short blonde hair, divorced, large build, love travel, cinema, eating, seeks easygoing, fun-loving male for relationship! Wincheslea. Box 439580

SMART MOVE

Spontaneous, friendly, lively female, 35, likes cinema, walking, cooking, socialising, seeks similar person for friendship leading to hopefully more. Box 430854

FRIENDS FIRST

Single, 47yrs old, 5'7, caring, separated, I enjoy nights in/out, reading, walking, various activities, just separated for a friend and the see from there! Box 437420

SOMEONE TO SHARE

Sincere, easygoing lady, 59, animal lover, non-smoker, GSOH, enjoys dancing, socialising, travel, days out, WLTW genuine male with similar interests for friendship/relationship. Thetford. Box 941011

THE GOOD THINGS IN LIFE

59yr old young-at-heart, loving woman, I am hoping to meet a kindred spirit who loves animals, going for walks and the romantic side of life. Box 900145

SWEET CAROLINE

I'm Caroline, 42, single mum, likes swimming, looking for someone for something meaningful. Box 430952

LIFE IS LAUGHTER

Professional 41yr old female, 5'9", dark hair, blue eyes, single mum, happy-go-lucky, into sports, looking for professional, tall male, for laughing and happiness. Box 430077

FROM MR WRONG TO MR RIGHT!

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HAPPY GO LUCKY

Sincere, happy woman, with GSOH, I'm 5'10, with short brown hair, brown eyes, I have lots of interests and WLTW similar guy. Box 895019

LOVE CANNOT BE BOUGHT

Easygoing single mum, 48, enjoys cinema, OHAC, very good sense of humour. Likes all the normal social things. Very honest. Seeking sincere, stable, solvent man. Box 895629

WHEN ALL IS SAID AND DONE

Attractive youthful 48yr old single parent, lives and works in Folkestone, own home/car, a shy lady seeking stable, confident man-friend to share life. Box 896551

JUST IMAGINE

Petite, brunette, bubbly, friendly, easygoing single mum, 48, enjoys cinema, eating out, socialising, most things, WLTW genuine male, to see where life takes us! Box 895562

BEST MEDICINE

Help me write my stand-up comedy routine! I'm 49, you'll need to make me laugh out loud and understand observational comedy to make the grade. Box 892640

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Professional female, 49, 5'10, long hair, slim, likes eating out, the beach, travel, seeks a friendly chap, 40-45. Hastings. Box 417100

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Petite, blonde female, 50, GSOH, likes music, books, cooking, looking for romantic soulmate, 40-55, for TLC. Kent. Box 835181

WALK WITH ME

Genuine, honest, laidback, 39yr old, 5'10, enjoys walking, films, visiting historical places and music. WLTW a nice lady, 25-40, for friendship and maybe more. Box 440984

AT GREAT LENGTHS...

Attractive single father, 34, 5'10, medium build, shaved hair, enjoys day out, swimming, the park, DVDs, cinema, friends, down-to-earth, seeking similar female for good times. Box 441129

GENUINE GUY

Hello girls, I'm 34, a single Dad, blue eyes, cropped hair, 5'10, love TV, film, music, and sofas. WLTW genuine lady for love. Box 437427

MEANINGFUL RELATIONSHIP?

Loving male, 33, 6'1, fair hair/blue eyes, slim, I like cinema, theatre, meals out, cozy nights in with a take away, keeping fit. Box 428767

ALL ABOUT US

I'm Andy, 35, work full time, own car, N/S, faithful natured, reliable, no ties, no kids, WLTW a nice lady to woo and win! Box 893907

SECURITY & WARMTH

I'm 35, 6'1, have a beautiful 3yr old little girl, very honest, caring, looking for someone I can love and make a new life with... Box 896178

CARDIAC ARREST

Large guy with personality to match, 40, WLTW man, genuine, loving, uncomplicated lady to mend my battered and bleeding, but not down heart! Box 891323

LADY IN WAITING

Caring, loyal and young-at-heart lady, 65, 5'11, blonde hair, looking for someone nice, friendly, who likes eating out, restaurants, holidays, for company. Box 899242

FRESH AIR

Smart, attractive, bubbly blonde, 71, medium build, N/S, own house, GSOH, lives on coast, enjoys most things, WLTW smart gentleman for friendship, maybe more. Box 438147

Women seeking women

2 OR 3 OF A KIND!

23yr old lively, petite bisexual female, WLTW a busy lady and/or male for fun, friendship and possibly more. Box 441085

RED OR WHITE?

40-year-old gay woman, likes nice wine, candlelight, the sea, passionate people and places, muddy walks and cozy nights in, WLTW gay woman for friendship/relationship. Box 894541

GENUINE

Caring, short brown-haired woman, 43, 5'10, loves good food, cinemas, pubs, cozy nights in, seeking someone special for friendship and possible relationship. Box 440675

SENSUAL HEALING

49yrs young female, genuine, 5'10, medium build, blonde, looking to meet sensual, feminine lady, up to 55, with great gifts, for sensual fun. Box 438851

TAKE A CHANCE

I'm 44, average build & looks, enjoy travelling, pubs, walks on beaches, seeking a lady to give lots of love to. Brighton. Box 440885

MY DAUGHTER

MADE ME DO THIS... Dad of two, widowed, 45, 5'10, blonde hair/blue eyes, genuine, caring, laidback, enjoys socialising, the outdoors, travel, seeking friendship/relationship again, maybe more. Box 441148



PROPERTY NEWS

It's time our value reviews went local

THE latest nationwide survey of house prices is far less important than regional studies, according to the National Association of Estate Agents.

The group says it paints an incorrect picture as it just gives an average of trends rather than taking into account area variations.

In Kent, prices have proved more resilient in the recent declining market as proximity to London and improving transport links have contributed to a better market.

Association chief executive Peter Bolton said: "The national sales figures do not tell the whole story.

"We know from our members that the picture is still very regional with some areas continuing to do better than others."

He also concluded that in terms of sales and viewing figures, as well as the decreasing gap between asking and final prices, the market was looking at becoming less fluctuating.

The Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors has also been examining the figures and experts concluded the property market would begin to stabilise when the number of transactions started to increase.

Buying isn't always your best option

RENTING an upscale rural home is becoming increasingly popular for people who want to live the country life but not fork out masses of cash.

Demand for country lettings is booming, with impressive Loddenden Manor, Staplehurst, a good example of the trend.

Set in 10 acres with eight bedrooms, stables, coach house and pool, it is on the market for £2.25 million. But for £8,000 a week it is available to rent with interest and stamp duty not a factor.

Manor Farm House near Faversham is another property with the same sort of attraction to a letter.

The four-bedroom property with its own three-bed stable cottage, billiard room and gymnasium would be available for rent at £6,000 a month with Savills. But to buy it would cost £1.5 million through Strutt and Parker.

Another factor is that most country homes which are available for letting ensure that major structural repair work is the responsibility of the landlord.



ONE TO LOOK AT

A new development by George Wimpey is pointing the way to a future in homes.

The three-storey show home is packed with design ideas for summer 2008 with fresh whites and rich burgundies the predominating colours.

The contemporary townhouse design features a lounge/dining room with French doors to the rear garden and also includes kitchen, entrance hallway and guest cloakroom.

Upstairs are two bedrooms and bathroom, while the top floor is given over to a master bedroom with walk-in dressing area and en-suite shower facilities.

The home cost is £219,995 and it can be viewed at Repton Park, Ashford.

Drop in prices puts ladder within reach

■ BY NICK AMES

TIMES are tough for first-time buyers in the housing market – yet they could discover help from an unexpected source.

Those unable to come up with enough cash for the deposit on a property could receive assistance from developers.

Incentives from those with homes to sell are becoming more and more common as companies start to realise how much stock they have on their hands – and no one is rushing forward to buy it.

SmartNewHomes.com is a website which analyses properties coming on to the market.

Managing director David Bexon said: "First-time buyers across the country are benefiting from a plethora of developer incentives as house-builders try to sell remaining stock. Now is a great time to drive a hard bargain."

These incentives can include help with

deposits, legal fees and stamp duty, subsidised mortgage payments, cash-back offers or fitted kitchens and carpets included in the sale price.

David Wilson Homes is one company which has adopted a policy of assisting first-time buyers under a scheme called Head Start which has proved successful in recent weeks.

Customers are offered the option of paying 85 per cent of the purchase price of the property with funding from a bank or building society but with no deposit needed to be paid, while the remaining 15 per cent is offered as an interest-free loan by the developer.

The deferred amount is then paid back within 10 years of the purchase, or at the time of resale if this is earlier.

Meanwhile, Linden Homes South East is

offering £750 a month towards mortgage payments for the first 18 months on some of its properties in west Kent.

Other prospective homeowners have taken the decision to sit out for the time being, waiting for prices to fall even further, forcing the sellers to offer more incentives.

Moneyfacts is a financial information service which has been examining that option.

Spokesman Andrew Haggard said: "With current levels of uncertainty and volatility surrounding the mortgage industry and the housing market, maybe it's worth sitting on the sidelines.

"If property prices were to fall 15 per cent in the next 18 months – which is conservative compared with some estimates – then those itching to get their foot on the housing ladder could benefit from a double whammy of very good savings rates – which are currently at a seven-year high – and the falling cost of that elusive first property."

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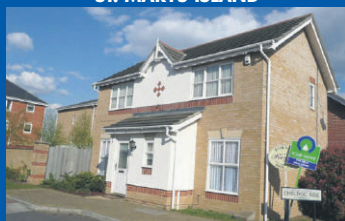
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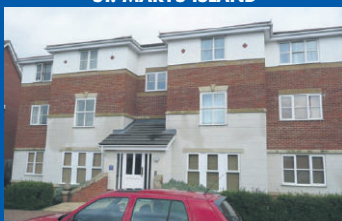
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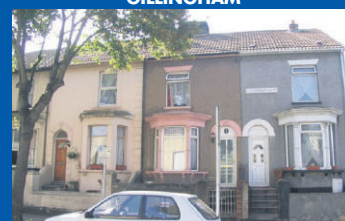
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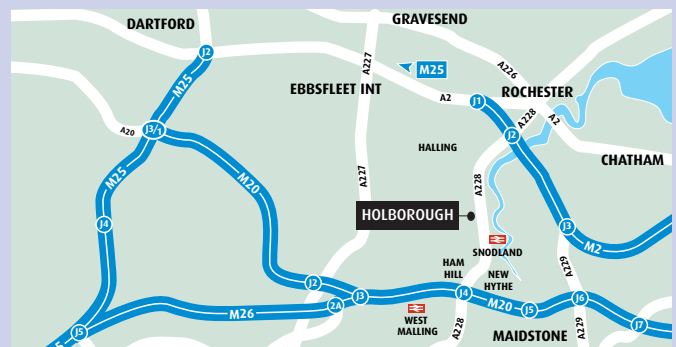
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MOTORS NEWS



Kent group adds Kia to its portfolio

MOTOR group Drake & Fletcher has added fast-growing Kia to its franchises.

The Korean brand joins Mazda and Hyundai on an existing site at Ashford Orbital Park, where Drake & Fletcher also has a separate Honda dealership.

Hyundai and Kia are sister brands, but D&F sees Kia fitting in as the sporting arm of the partnership – the low slung three-door Kia Proceed hatchback was launched this year – and Kia's seven-year warranty on selected models is a unique selling point in the UK.

Drake & Fletcher was founded in 1898 and, four generations on, is still owned and run by members of the founder's family.



New Patriot kit is the height of bling

JEEP has unveiled extra bling available for its attractively-priced junior model line-up, the Patriot.

Credible on and off-road and able to average 42mpg in best-selling 2.0-litre diesel form, the Patriot (from £15,995) can be equipped with a chrome grille, bodykit, sports suspension and 20-inch alloys.

The 'bling' packs start from £999 and owners can also specify an 'SE Lifestyle' interior at £1,199 and bringing leather effect centre armrest cover, four chrome loud speaker rings, chrome gearshift gate, leather gear knob and leather effect toppings.



Commute to work via the Skoda Greenline

SKODA dealers now have the greenest version of the new Fabia supermini in stock.

The 1.4 TDI Fabia Greenline can average around 70mpg and, with CO2 emissions of just 109g/km of CO2, is exempt from the London congestion charge – Kent car commuters take note.

This Czech eco car – £11,490 and £12,140 in hatch and estate form respectively – achieves this miserly feat through higher gearing, better aerodynamics and weight saved by replacing the spare tyre with a puncture repair kit.



STAR BUY: Despite its celestial name, the Daihatsu Sirion is a down-to-earth supermini with big car abilities, offering low fuel consumption and a surprisingly spacious interior

Space and star appeal of the Sirion supermini

MAJOR car makers have tried to register every possible model name, forcing others to come up with weird permutations.

So Daihatsu offers a supermini called the Sirion. The name could come from Lord of the Rings or starstruck marketing types allying Sirius with Orion – both probably owned by Ford – in the hope of ascendance on the sales front.

But there is nothing Tolkien-esque or celestial about the Sirion – it is a down-to-earth little car for the real world.

Underpinnings from the more expensive Toyota Yaris are clothed by a superbly practical and age-less five-door body and prices are competitive, from £7,495.

The three-cylinder 1.0-litre I had driven previously is the economy star, if rather sluggish and noisy. It averages around 55mpg and emits 118g/km of CO2, qualifying for just £35 a year road tax.

A far better all-rounder is the four-cylinder 1.3 (from £7,995) tested here; it is more refined

ROAD TEST DAIHATSU SIRION

BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

and flexible with decent low down power, yet averages nearly 50mpg even if road tax jumps to the next band (£120/year) due to emissions of 137g/km.

However, this version is claimed to have the world's first self-regenerating catalyst, for a longer life and lower maintenance costs.

There is also a 1.5-litre version, but I question its relevance to what the Sirion is about, for this is a small and economical car with big car abilities – a brilliant all-rounder. It might sound like a Noddy motor, but bulbous wheelarches and a rakish window line give this boxy car some extra presence.

It carries five properly and split rear seats fold flat easily to create a van-like rear section or two other permutations. The rake of the rear rests can also be set to two positions and the car is packed with stowage bins and cubby holes.

Ride quality on a relatively long wheelbase is good and the 1.3-litre can be driven with passion too; the high body rolls a little, but grip is rarely compromised.

Air-con is fitted as standard and mid-spec SE brings alloys and rear parking sensors.



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12144, GRAPHITE GREY
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34278, DIAMOND SILVER
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10621, STONE GREY
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- 07 FABIA AMBIENTE 1.4 16V AUTO 75BHP 5DR HATCH**
6456, SATIN GREY
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- 55 FABIA AMBIENTE 1.9 TDI 100BHP 5DR HATCH**
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30821, SAHARA BEIGE
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0, SATIN GREY
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PRICE TO YOU £14,590.00
- 57 OCTAVIA L&K 2.0 FSI 150BHP AUTO 5DR ESTATE**
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98164, CANDY WHITE
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- 54 OCTAVIA AMBIENTE 1.6 FSI 115BHP 5DR HATCH**
17194, DIAMOND SILVER
PRICE £7,490.00
- 04 OCTAVIA AMBIENTE 1.9 TDI 105BHP 5DR HATCH**
35227, DIAMOND SILVER
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- 07 OCTAVIA AMBIENTE 1.9 TDI 105BHP 5DR HATCH**
12828, CORRIDA RED
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13396, CAPPUCCINO BEIGE
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- 04 OCTAVIA AMBIENTE 1.9 TDI 90BHP 5DR HATCH**
71377, NATURE GREEN
PRICE £5,990.00
- 06 OCTAVIA AMBIENTE 1.9 TDI DSG 105BHP 5DR HATCH**
37680, FLAMENCO RED
PRICE £9,990.00
- 07 OCTAVIA AMBIENTE 2.0 TDI 140BHP 5DR HATCH**
9614, STORM BLUE
PRICE £12,990.00
- 05 OCTAVIA ELEGANCE 1.9 TDI 105BHP 5DR HATCH**
33071, DYNAMIC BLUE
PRICE £9,290.00
- 07 OCTAVIA ELEGANCE 1.9 TDI 105BHP 5DR HATCH**
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- 57 ROOMSTER LEVEL 2 1.4 16V 85BHP 5DR MPV**
6134, CAPPUCCINO BEIGE
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- 57 ROOMSTER LEVEL 2 1.6 16V 105BHP 5DR MPV**
1943, FLAMENCO RED
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SAVING £3,760.00
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- 57 ROOMSTER LEVEL 2 1.6 16V 105BHP 5DR MPV**
5774, OCEAN BLUE
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- 57 ROOMSTER LEVEL 2 1.9 TDI 105BHP 5DR MPV**
TBA, CAPPUCCINO BEIGE
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- 07 ROOMSTER LEVEL 3 1.4 16V 85BHP 5DR MPV**
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USED CAR ROUND-UP: OUR PICK FROM A KEY SECTOR

CONVERTIBLES

SUMMER is here at last and our thoughts turn to convertibles, even if open top cars are regarded more and more as all-year round purchases, partly because of the growing breed of folding hardtop or 'coupe convertible' models that offer better looks and security. This week's mix of used buys covers this new type but also takes a close look at the excellent Mazda MX-5 – the affordable roadster that has done more than any other car to make the UK one of Europe's biggest markets for convertibles – despite the weather.

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MAZDA MX-5



NOW into its third generation, the original MX-5 was inspired by classic British Triumph, MG and Lotus sports cars. Given Japanese reliability, it faced criticism over its lack of outright power and is more famous for its beautifully balanced handling. Models hold their value well, although an influx of 'Eunos' used imports from Japan drove down prices for the Lotus-lookalike MkI and the latest MkIII offers beefier looks and the most creature comforts, if you can stretch the budget.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

VAUXHALL ASTRA



VAUXHALL surprised everybody with the success of the original Astra convertible, followed up with the brilliant Astra TwinTop – the name inspired by the electronic folding metal roof. Both four-seaters look good with the roof up or down and the TwinTop is a particularly good achievement when so many of its coupe convertible rivals look ungainly or 'boot heavy'. As with many 'chopped' hatchback convertibles, there is some body flex on both models, but don't let this break a deal.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

PEUGEOT 206CC



MERCEDES pioneered folding metal roof convertibles with the SLK in the 1990s, but Peugeot brought the type to the mass market with the big-selling and plentiful 206CC. Based on the French marque's 206 hatchback and biggest seller, the 206CC even had two seats in the back, although it should never be considered anything more than a 2+2. While relatively affordable, there have also been reliability problems with the temperamental roof mechanism.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
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Ref: 00987/K3

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Tel. 01732 454617 Fax. 01732 453675
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Closing date: Friday 20 June 2008

Raynehurst Community Primary School Cerne Road, Gravesend, Kent

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For application forms contact: KCA (UK), 44 East Street, Faversham, Kent ME13 8AT. Telephone 01795 590635, Fax 01795 539351, Email recruitment@kca.org.uk, www.kca.org.uk.

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Closing Date: 30th June 2008

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Co-ordinator Mathematics Ref: 08/61
37 hrs per week, salary starting from £26,365 per annum.

Lecturer in Horticulture and Land Based Ref: 08/84
37 hrs per week, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 per annum. One year fixed term or until 31 August 2009.

Lecturer in Computer Games and Interactive Media Ref: 08/54
18.5 hrs per week, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 pro rata per annum.

Lecturer Animal Care & Land Based Ref: 01/144
18.5 hrs per week, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 pro rata per annum.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Men better at saving but ISAs undervalued

MEN are putting more cash into savings accounts than women, according to new research from Yorkshire Building Society, which has branches in Canterbury and Chatham.

The statistics show that 62 per cent of people have at least £1,000 in a savings account and that men were 50 per cent more likely than women to have such an account.

However, the research also highlighted that more than a third of the people with more than £1,000 in savings don't have a tax-free ISA – individual savings account.

This means that there could be around 15 million people in the UK paying more money to the taxman than they should.

Businesses stay strong

MANUFACTURERS and retailers in the South East are being warned to remain vigilant and protect themselves against the credit crunch, despite a fall in the overall number of firms going into administration.

The Forum of Private Business, which has many members in the county, says that according to accountancy firm Deloitte, 282 businesses in London and the South East went into administration in the first quarter of 2008, compared to 288 in the same period of 2007.

Matt Goodman, the forum's policy representative, said: "Deloitte's figures represent how strong and resilient small businesses can be in the face of a tough economic climate."

Medway – focus of day

A RECENT one-day symposium – entitled Medway Lives, Gateway Futures: History, Community and Place – brought together more than 60 academics, policymakers and community group representatives for a series of talks and discussions.

The event was staged at the University of Kent's Medway campus in Chatham Maritime.

Topics under review included the legacy of industrialisation, regeneration and construction work, religion in everyday life and traveller communities.

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It's personal – firms at risk because they don't have insurance

A STAGGERING one third of small enterprises in the South East are putting everything at risk – their business, employees and customers – by operating without any business insurance, according to new research.

If misfortune were to strike up to 25,500 of the region's 725,000 small businesses owners could be risking their homes by operating without insurance because they have personal guarantees against their business.

The nationwide survey of firms employing up to fifty people, carried out by OnePoll for Insurantz.com, uncovered a worrying attitude towards insurance.

In the South East, more than one in ten respondents were unsure whether they were insured and 29 per cent admitted to having little or no idea what their policy covers.

George Derbyshire, chief executive of the National Federation of Enterprise Agencies, said: "I am shocked by the results of this survey. Running a business is all about risk-taking, but we would always advocate a managed and informed approach to risk."

"Sensible entrepreneurs discuss the issues with their advisers in the knowledge that getting this wrong can be disastrous in human, financial and legal terms."

A quarter of small businesses in the South East could also face legal action as they were unaware that temporary workers and sub-contractors must be covered under statutory employers' liability insurance.

Uncovered companies risk heavy fines of up to £2,500 a day by failing to provide cover.

Last year there were more than 105,000 employer's liability personal injury claims.

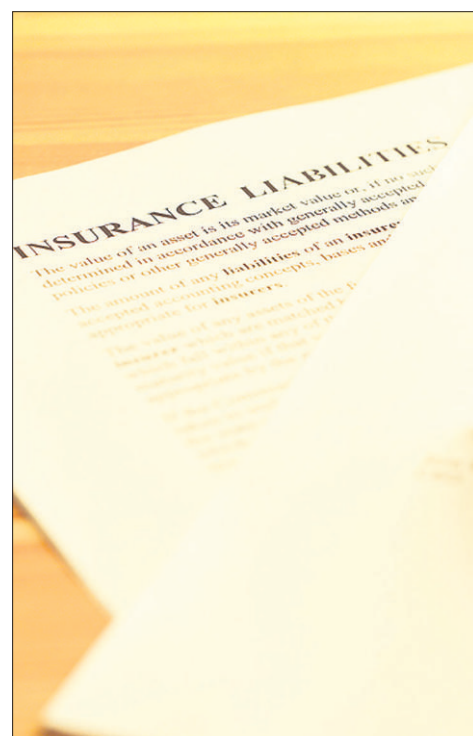
Failure to adequately insure is put down to the restrictive red tape which causes small businesses to spend hours filling in forms.

A third of respondents to the survey said arranging business insurance was too time-consuming and overly complicated, and this has pushed it very low in some people's priorities.

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LIABILITY: One third of small firms does not have business insurance



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Vesey smashes way to record

ROY Vesey hit a club record score of 139 as Gills Travel beat Rainham by 84 runs to win their first game of the season.

Matt Wilson also found form with the bat, hitting 55 in a total of 234-4.

In the field, Warren Taylor took 4-23 as Rainham came up well short, finishing on 150-9 from their 50 overs.

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Scorching Saggers too accurate for lowly Lordswood

IN-FORM Kent seamer Martin Saggers proved too much for struggling Lordswood, who succumbed to a five-wicket defeat against league-leaders Hartley.

Three days after taking nine wickets in a second-string county match, Saggers returned to take 5-26 for Hartley, taking the final wicket in his 14th over.

Aided by former Kent spinner Min Patel, Hartley's formidable bowling attack made scoring hard to come by for Lordswood, who battled to 125 before they were dismissed.

Craig Ervine offered the most resistance with a commendable 30 but few of the visiting batsmen were able to occupy the crease for long.

Late runs from Lyndon Lockhart (22) saw Lordswood stage a late surge in runs

CRICKET

BY DAVID PRITCHARD

but their total of 125 was always going to be vulnerable.

In reply Hartley quickly set about their task, guided by opener James Hockley.

An opening stand of 72 paved the way for a simple victory, which was achieved in the 24th over.

With one win from their opening five matches, Lordswood have the worst record in the Premier Division.

Even at this early stage, their match against second bottom St Lawrence & Highland Court on Saturday could be crucial for both clubs' ambitions this season.



STRUGGLE: Lordswood prop up the Premier Division after defeat at Hartley

Kent League Premier Division

Hartley CC - 1st XI v Lordswood CC - 1st XI

Lordswood

	Runs
Peter Stock ct Thompson b Saggers	1
Alan Pattenden ct Carter b Patel	19
Chris Thompson ct Hickford b Saggers	8
Craig Ervine lbw b Patel	30
Efren Cruz ct Hockley b Saggers	14
Jeremy Greaves lbw b Patel	0
Matt Iles ct Stiller b Carter	5
Lyndon Lockhart ct Thompson b Carter	22
James Iles lbw b Saggers	5
Daniel Masters b Saggers	6
Kevin Masters did not bat	0

Extras (5lb 9lb 1lb) 15
Total (all out, 48.4 overs) 125

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Martin Saggers	13.4	4	26	5
Andrew Tutt	7	3	16	0
James Hockley	8	1	25	0
Min Patel	14	6	18	3
Darrell Carter	6	2	26	2

Hartley

	Runs
James Hockley ct Pattenden b Iles	73
Patrick Underwood ct Stock b Iles	18
David Thompson ct Lockhart b Masters	12
James Thompson ct Thompson b Masters	11
Matt Stiller not out	8
Daniel Redwood ct Greaves b Masters	0
Lewis Hickford not out	1
Min Patel did not bat	0
Martin Saggers did not bat	0
Andrew Tutt did not bat	0
Darrell Carter did not bat	0

Extras (2lb 2w) 4
Total (5 wickets, 23.2 overs) 127

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Daniel Masters	3	0	25	0
James Iles	4	0	42	0
Matt Iles	5	0	22	2
Kevin Masters	7	1	8	3
Craig Ervine	3	0	22	0
Jeremy Greaves	12	0	6	0

LOCAL CRICKET ROUND-UP

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

Wickham Park CC - 1st XI v Upchurch CC - 1st XI

UPCHURCH stayed in contention at the top of Division Three with a six-wicket victory in a high-scoring encounter with Wickham Park.

A partnership of 159 between the hosts' openers got Wickham Park off to a great start and they posted a decent 225 from their 50 overs.

Although Upchurch could not match the big scores of their opponents' innings, steady scoring throughout their batting order saw them home with nine balls to spare.

The victory kept them third, just five points behind leaders Linden Park. On Saturday they take on struggling Ashford Town.

Wickham Park

	Runs
Robert Spry	st Little b Hales jnr 59
Jodie Hatch	b Hales jnr 128
Iain Wilson	lbw b Hales jnr 0
Glyn Gunning	hit wicket b Hales jnr 9
Richard Bloch	run out 2
Steve Teare	not out 8
Martin Crowther	ct Hales b Holmwood 0
Andrew Bowles	b Holmwood 0
Matt Palmer	not out 8
Gavin Malyon	did not bat 0
Michael Duffy	did not bat 0

Extras (6b 3lb 2w) 11
Total (7 wickets, 50 overs) 225

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Daniel Parker	11	1	47	0
Tim Mullis	5	2	22	0
Kevin Collis	5	0	30	0
Andy Holmwood	9	2	22	2
Michael Hales jnr	15	1	75	4
Sam Bewick	5	0	20	0

Upchurch

	Runs
Dean Headley	ct Duffy b Teare 16
Jim Phillips	ct Hatch b Spry 55
Lee Taylor	b Bowles 65
Michael Hales jnr	run out (Crowther) 40
Daniel Parker	not out 21
Sam Bewick	not out 20
Michael Hales	did not bat 0
Warren Little	did not bat 0
Kevin Collis	did not bat 0
Tim Mullis	did not bat 0
Andy Holmwood	did not bat 0

Extras (4b 5lb 2w) 11
Total (4 wickets, 48.3 overs) 228

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Martin Crowther	14	1	40	0
Steve Teare	8	0	50	1
Jodie Hatch	7	1	35	0
Iain Wilson	5	0	22	0
Andrew Bowles	10.3	0	47	1
Robert Spry	4	0	25	1

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION FOUR

Rodmersham CC - 1st XI v Rainham CC - 1st XI

A CENTURY from Glen Cook steered Rainham to a four-wicket victory against Rodmersham on Saturday.

Felding first, Rainham took wickets regularly and bowled out their hosts for 182. Paul Newton was the pick of the bowlers, taking 5-58 from 15 overs.

In reply, both Rainham openers were dismissed cheaply and on 68-4 they were outsiders to win the match. The game swung on Cook's 102 partnership with Callum Mitchell (46 not out), which set up a confidence-boosting victory.

Rainham lie second in the table, 14 points adrift of runaway leaders High Halstow.

Rodmersham

		Runs
Liam Foster	.ct Mitchell b Taylor	32
Dave Cogger	b Newton	58
Marc Bond	.ct Goodwin b Newton	5
Neil Hodgkinson	.ct Swaine b Newton	3
Sandeep Rodrigo	.ct Prince b Taylor	9
Michael Willis	.ct Goodwin b Waters	18
Dylan Emmett	b Newton	0
Jack Bayford	b Taylor	2
Nazoomi Azhar	b Waters	39
Darren Nokes	.ct Mitchell b Newton	1
James Bonney	.not out	0

Extras (3lb 3lb 4w 5lb) 15
Total (all out, 49.1 overs) 182

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Tom Waters	13.1	2	43	2
Callum Mitchell	7	1	30	0
Kevin Taylor	14	3	45	3
Paul Newton	15	2	58	5

Rainham

		Runs
James Austin	ct Bayford b Rodrigo	6
Matt Goodwin	ct Foster b Nokes	7
Glen Cook	ct Azhar b Rodrigo	101
Paul Swaine	ct Foster b Emmett	9
Tom Waters	b Emmett	2
Callum Mitchell	not out	46
Stuart Swaine	b Rodrigo	0
Daniel Mason	not out	2
Kevin Taylor	did not bat.	0
Paul Newton	did not bat.	0
Jonathan Prince	did not bat.	0

Extras (4b 5lb 1w) 10
Total (6 wickets, 48.4 overs) 183

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Sandeep Rodrigo	7.4	3	19	3
Darren Nokes	15	2	60	1
Marc Bond	4	0	26	0
Nazoomi Azhar	13	4	35	0
Dylan Emmett	9	0	34	2

KENT FEEDER LEAGUE EAST 1B

Blue Bell Hill CC - 1st XI v New Ash Green CC - 1st XI

BLUE Bell Hill benefited from some wayward bowling as they won a low-scoring game against New Ash Green by 17 runs.

There was little to choose between the sides on a pitch where runs were hard to come by and the match was eventually decided by the extras column.

New Ash Green conceded 37 runs in extras, more than any Blue Bell Hill batsman, including 20 wides.

The home side were relatively frugal, with 13 runs coming from extras, helping to restrict the visitors to 109 when they were bowled out in the 34th over.

Blue Bell Hill

	Runs
Jack Attridge	32
Roy Sams	1
Paul Brivio	9
Jack Brivio	10
Russell Booth	11
Tom Highsted	7
Paul Fookes	12
Ian Hayward	5
Ben Highsted	0
David Gardner	2
Kevin Attridge	0

Extras (12b 3lb 20w 5nb) 37
Total (all out, 38.3 overs) 126

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Matt Dehaney	7	0	34	3
Andy Mayers	6	0	12	0
Lee Saunders	6	0	20	0
Vic Mayers	7.2	1	8	2
Marc Klus	5	0	15	1
Robert Boss	4.4	0	15	1
Matt Scanlan	2.3	0	6	3

New Ash Green

	Runs
Matt Scanlan	ct Highsted b Fookes 18
Ian Martin	b Hayward 5
Marc Klus	b Gardner 30
Andy Payne	b Fookes 2
Andy Mayers	lbw b Fookes 6
Robert Boss	b Gardner 2
Arnon Ward	b Gardner 19
Lee Saunders	not out 10
Vaughan John	ct Sams b Highsted 0
Matt Dehaney	ct Highsted b Hayward 4
Vic Mayers	b Highsted 0

Extras (7b 2lb 3w 1nb) 13
Total (all out, 33.1 overs) 109

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Tom Highsted	11.1	0	26	2
Ian Hayward	6	1	20	2
Paul Fookes	10	1	48	3
David Gardner	6	1	6	3

KENT FEEDER LEAGUE EAST 1B

Old Williamsons CC - 1st XI v The Mote 3rd XI

LUKE Butcher toiled for an unbeaten half century on a difficult track to steer league leaders Old Williamsons to a comfortable 75-run win against The Mote 3rds.

The opening batsmen hit 66 and provided the backbone to the innings, assisted by Simon Woods' 39.

A target of 145 was a difficult task given the pitch and The Mote were not able to get close.

Scoring at just one-and-a-half runs an over, the visitors were 69-9 when their allocation ran out.

Victory maintained the hosts' excellent start to the season and took them 25 points clear at the top.

Old Williamsons

	Runs
James Pentecost	c&b Mitchell 10
Luke Butcher	not out 66
Adam Ling	ct Taylor b Mitchell 1
Simon Wood	st Waite b Rowe 39
Sean Holbrook	b Taylor 0
Daniel Buckle	ct Raveendran b Rowe 1
Neil Fawthorne-Hodgson	ct Usher b Taylor 1
Richard Dalton	ct Usher b Taylor 7
Marc King	run out 2
Andy Wood	did not bat 0
Phil Patterson	did not bat 0

Extras (4lb 12w 1nb) 17
Total (8 wickets, 46 overs) 144

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Dan Taylor	11	2	23	3
James Rowe	10	3	22	2
Neil Mitchell	12	2	51	2
Paul Usher	6	2	12	0
Nathan Waite	4	0	20	0
Matt Britz	3	0	12	0

The Mote

	Runs
Robert O'Brien	ct Holbrook b Patterson 6
Nick Waite	run out (Dalton) 0
Warren Jackson	lbw b Patterson 6
Raveendran Raveendran	b Butcher 2
Matt Britz	b Holbrook 14
Mark Bristow	run out (King) 9
Dan Taylor	ct Wood b Holbrook 6
Nathan Waite	ct Ling b Butcher 4
James Rowe	b Holbrook 0
Neil Mitchell	not out 9
Paul Usher	not out 3

Extras (3b 2lb 4w 1nb) 10
Total (9 wickets, 46 overs) 69

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Luke Butcher	12	3	14	2
Phil Patterson	11	2	18	2
Marc King	12	2	19	0
Sean Holbrook	6	2	4	3
Simon Wood	5	1	9	0

Stimson has new Gills targets in his sights

FOOTBALL

■ BY DAVID PRITCHARD

GILLINGHAM boss Mark Stimson is hoping to speak to his top transfer targets this week as he attempts to strengthen the squad before pre-season training begins.

Stimson has endured a frustrating close season so far, with goalkeeper Alan Julian his only signing to date.

He is chasing an unnamed striker from a League One club and midfielder Kevin Maher, who is a free agent after being released from Southend United last month.

The Gills boss held preliminary talks with Maher and the striker's agent a fortnight ago but has made little progress since then.

Mad

Stimson said: "Unfortunately the two targets are both away on holiday. You don't want to pester them and drive them mad. They have both said they will talk to us when they get back and fingers crossed they will be true to their word."

Both players were expected back in the country earlier this week and Stimson is looking to table offers as soon as possible.

Going in the other direction, Gills have officially listed out of favour trio Delroy Facey, Aaron Brown and Efe Sodje for transfer or loan moves.

The players are not in Stimson's plans for next season and the Gills boss is looking to move them on to make room for his targets.

Facey and Sodje spent the end of last season on loan at League Two clubs Wycombe



TALKS: Kevin Maher (middle) is expected to hold transfer talks with Gills this week

Picture: ADY KERRY

Wanderers and Bury respectively. Sodje is reportedly keen on joining the Shakers on a permanent deal.

The members of the squad not injured or on holiday returned to the club last week to

begin preparing for next season.

Gills' fitness coach Danny Ellis will be hosting twice-weekly conditioning sessions throughout June to get the players in shape ahead of pre-season training, which begins on July 2.



UNBEATEN: Neil Dexter hit 101 against Somerset

CRICKET

Impressive ton-up Dexter keeps cool

KENT Spitfires are through to the semi-final of the Friends Provident Trophy where they will play holders Durham Dynamos after holding their nerve in a tense 37-run win over Somerset Sabres.

Rob Key's side were indebted to 23-year-old Neil Dexter's unbeaten 101 and some excellent bowling at the death from Pakistani all-rounders Yasir Arafat and Azhar Mahmood.

Key, who hit a fluent 73 for the Spitfires in a stand of 104 with Dexter, was delighted with the young batsman's attitude despite suffering a slow start after coming in at the last minute for Martin van Jaarsveld.

He said: "In one-day cricket there's nothing worse than not having the scoreboard ticking over. He found it hard to get going and that's the time when a lot of players would panic and throw their wicket away."

"The impressive thing about his innings was he managed to put it to the back of his mind and accelerate. To get 100 at almost a run-a-ball after his start is some achievement."

The Kent skipper is now looking forward to an entertaining clash at Durham's Riverside Ground on either July 4 or 5.

He said: "They are a decent side and the defending champions, but we won the Twenty20 last year and we seem to play our at best in the knock-out stages."

"Winning some silverware gives us that extra bit of confidence but it all depends what happens on the day and it will be a pretty tough fixture."

While the Spitfires are gearing up for the semi-final, they have been preparing for the defence of their Twenty20 crown which starts with a game against old adversaries Sussex at the St Lawrence Ground.

With the announcement that the winner of this year's competition will be entered into the inaugural Champions League, the Spitfires will be looking to make it to finals day again at the Rose Bowl on July 26.

Play starts at 5.40pm. For updates visit www.yourmedway.co.uk.

New floodlight queries delay running track

ATHLETICS

MEDWAY & Maidstone Athletics club's proposed new facility has been delayed once again after an illness to a key club official prevented them from presenting their case at the planning meeting last week.

The project, planned by the athletics club and Sutton Valence School, held up several times in the past six months and now they face another frustrating wait.

A floodlit 400-metre all-weather track is part of the plans on the grounds of Sutton Valence School, along with facilities for all field events including long jump, javelin, hammer and high jump.

However, residents of the Sutton Valence area have aired their views over the proposal to construct flood lights at the site, which forced the track to be re-designed earlier this year.

If planning permission is granted this month at the newly-arranged meeting with Maidstone council, the facility could be up and running inside 16 weeks. Maidstone has never had a permanent athletics facility, which means athletes from the area have to travel to the



HALTED: Medway & Maidstone Athletics Club athletes are forced to wait yet again

Julie Rose Stadium in Ashford on the Deangate track at Hoo to train and compete.

Adrian Lowther of Medway & Maidstone Athletics Club said: "For the sake of going to the meeting and having some questions left unanswered we have decided to postpone the meeting for three or four weeks."

It is hoped the new facility will attract more people from the town to get involved in athletics.

Their case for planning permission will now be heard on June 26.

New keeper Tedder a tall order for Chatham

FOOTBALL

GOALKEEPER James Tedder became Chatham Town's first signing of the summer as boss Steve Binks strengthens his squad ahead of the new season.

Tedder, who is the younger brother of Chats' defender Chris, joins from Kent League side VCD Athletic.

The 21-year-old was on the books at Dartford, but found first team opportunities limited. He helped VCD to second place last season and marshalled the Kent League's meanest defence.

Binks is delighted to bring the 6ft 7ins stopper to Maidstone Road.

He said: "I think he's going to be a great acquisition. He is young, so has the best years ahead of him, but he has two or three years' experience already and has already built a reputation for being one of the best keepers in the Kent League. I'm really excited about signing him."

The majority of last season's squad have signed on for another season, including key men Darren Smith, Matt Solly and Steve Hafner.

Binks is hoping to add one or two more players but is pleased



Picture: ADRIAN LANE

STAYING: Chatham's Matt Solly (in blue) has signed for another season

with the way his side is taking shape.

He said: "I think we will have a really strong squad with plenty of strength in depth and I can't wait to get started."

Chats begin their pre-season games on Saturday, July 26 with a trip to Hythe Town. The club have five fixtures arranged so far including a home game local rivals Maidstone United and Tonbridge Angels.

The club are negotiating to add another game to the schedule, on Saturday, August 2, and are expecting to make an announcement shortly.

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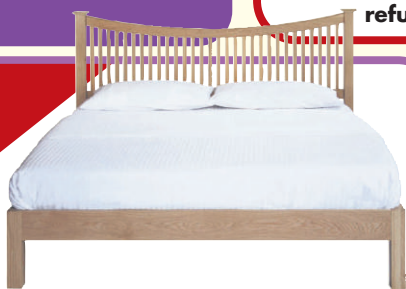
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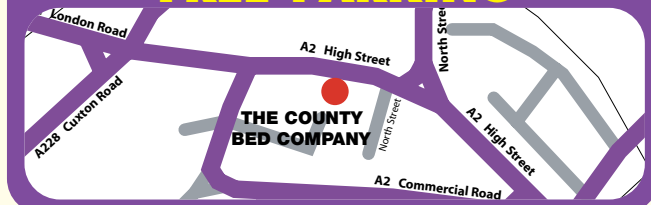
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